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Minister claims she is 'too busy' for visit

Snub by Short widens rift with volcano island

By Andrew Pierce, Political Correspondent

THE diplomatic row over the Government's handling of the crisis in Montserrat escalated yesterday when Clare Short snubbed an invitation to visit the island because of pressing overseas commitments and accused its leaders of deliberately misrepresenting British offers of help.

The International Development Secretary cited forthcoming trips to Bangladesh, Hong Kong, and Africa as reasons why she was unable to go to the Caribbean island in the wake of the volcanic eruption.

But it emerged last night that Ms Short will be in her Whitehall office until tomorrow week, when she departs for her next overseas engagement, a one-day trip to Paris.

Ms Short said that her deputy George Foulkes could go in her place. But the Montserrat Government said he was not welcome after he warned that there would be a "cataclysmic eruption on the island". Montserrat scientists said that he had misinterpreted scientific data and that the risk was negligible.

As criticism grew of the Government's response to its first overseas emergency, Ms Short admitted that her remarks, which included accusing the island's leaders of "sheer irresponsibility" and claiming their financial demands were so unreasonable "they will be wanting golden elephants next", had been unhelpful.

The remarks infuriated the Montserrat Government and led to sharp criticism from the Labour chairman of the Commons foreign affairs select committee and the Labour backbencher Bernie Grant.

The Tories and Liberal Democrats accused the Government of

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being in disarray. The Liberal Democrats called on Ms Short to use the contingency reserve to increase the £10.5 million aid package.

Britain decided last week to organise a partial voluntary evacuation after Mr Foulkes's statement about an eruption. The Government offered £2,500 pounds per adult to help Montserratians relocate.

But David Brandt, the island's new Chief Minister, said yesterday the offer was not enough. Mr Brandt, repeating his plea for Ms Short to visit the island, said: "We are not asking for luxury. Our people have lost everything they have. We are asking for them [the Government] to give us an opportunity to make a new start."

But asked whether she would accept Mr Brandt's invitation to visit the island Ms Short was emphatic.

"I'm sorry, we've all got to calm down and start behaving better and I'm not planning to go to possibly get more inaccurate denunciations

of what we have been doing," she said on Radio 4's *The World This Weekend*. "I've actually got commitments to go to a lot of other places in the next few weeks."

Her remarks came 24 hours after an interview in *The Observer* in which she said that she was exasperated by the Montserrat Government's "silly political games" and "hysterical scaremongering" in its demands for an improved financial package to help the remaining 5,000 residents to relocate.

"They say 10,000, double, treble, then think of another number. It will be golden elephants next. They have got to stop this game. It is bad governance. It's hysterical scaremongering, which is whipping people up," she told the paper. She said she was so frustrated by it she might cancel the trip by Mr Foulkes which was due to begin on Sunday.

However, Mr Foulkes said last night he was determined to go. "I am ready and expecting to leave on Sunday. The tickets are booked," he said.

Donald Anderson, the Labour chairman of the Foreign Affairs Select Committee, conceded that Ms Short, who he greatly admired, had been unwise. "Her remarks were unfortunate. They came at a highly sensitive moment. It is clear we are not going to have the niceties of diplomatic language with Clare Short. She cannot be reconstructed. Her remarks are doubly unfortunate because they give an impression she is uncaring, which she is not."

Bernie Grant, the Labour MP for Tottenham, said: "She sounds like a mouthpiece for an old 19th-century colonial and Conservative government."



Clare Short at home in Handsworth after being interviewed by the BBC's *The World This Weekend*

Husband of 'Lady in the Lake' is arrested

By Russell Jenkins

THE former husband of the "Lady in the Lake" murder victim was arrested yesterday after returning from a cycling holiday in France, apparently unaware that police wanted to interview him.

Gordon Park, 53, a retired school teacher, arrived with his third wife, Jenny, to find that in his absence police had searched his house in Barrow, Cumbria. He was being held overnight for further questioning after being interviewed all day about the murder of Carol Park, whose body was found in Coniston Water 21 years after she disappeared in 1976.

Early yesterday evening, detectives again visited Mr Park's home in the Hawcoat area of Barrow. One officer left the house shortly afterwards, carrying a large cardboard box wrapped in black plastic material. Detective Superintendent Ian Douglas, who is leading the investigation, has been anxious to talk to Mr Park, described as a family man and a keen yachtsman, since the body of Mrs Park was discovered by divers early last week 70ft down on the bottom of the lake.

Police have used warrants to search Mr Park's home in Norland Avenue and his 19ft navigator-class yacht, *Mrs J*, moored in Coniston Water, near Nibthwaite. They are also trying to locate a two-berth cruiser which Mr Park once owned.

A police spokesman said: "At 8.10 am a local man from Barrow was arrested in connection with the murder of Carol Park. He is helping police with their inquiries."

Superintendent Douglas officially identified the body as that of Carol Park last Friday. Police interviewers who specialise in teasing out details

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VW is haunted by the past

A car which started life in 1938 being promoted by Hitler as the "people's car" before becoming a cult in the sixties, is back in production. Volkswagen's marketing challenge is to rid the company of the stigma of the war years when VW's factories relied on slave labour including Jews from concentration camps including Auschwitz. Page 19

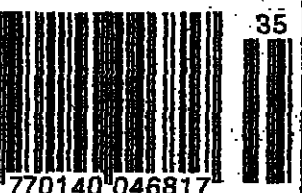
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Boy's killer may have been stalking village children

By Joanna Bale

THE killer of the murdered schoolboy Thomas Marshall may have been stalking children in the area, police said yesterday.

Superintendent Les Parrett, who is leading the inquiry, said incidents had been reported of strangers approaching other pupils at Stalham Middle School, Norfolk.

Jin Scott, the headteacher of the 530-pupil school, said that he had become particularly concerned during the summer term. He said: "We have had a number of incidents over the past 12 months where children have been approached on the way to or from the school."

"In April, we went to the police when a boy was approached by a lone man in a car and questioned while on his way to school. It is something we are always aware of particularly because of the holiday industry, which

means there are always strangers about."

Police believe they are hunting for a paedophile who snatched Thomas, 12, and later drove 50 miles to dump his body.

Superintendent Parrett said: "We are aware of incidents involving other pupils at Thomas's school and we are looking into them. We are researching any form of incident of this kind. We are interested in anything involving young boys. We would also ask members of the public to come forward with details of any incidents."

A team of 50 officers at an incident room at North Walsham police station have taken over 300 calls since Thomas's body was found by a motorist on Friday evening, dumped at a picnic area an hour's drive from his home in Happisburgh, Norfolk.

He disappeared on Thurs-

day while cycling to a friend's house. He had been strangled but was found fully clothed with no obvious signs of sexual abuse.

His pink bicycle was found in a field three miles from Happisburgh on Friday afternoon.

Thomas was the only child of John Marshall, a Norfolk county council archivist, and Carol, a librarian. Mr Scott said that he was a bright boy who was particularly good at design and technology and a member of the art club. He had received mainly A grades for effort last term and had been about to move up to Stalham High School.

"He was an independent boy and I would be very surprised if he either approached a stranger or allowed a stranger to approach him."

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Tobacco sponsors go into extra time

By Andrew Pierce, Political Correspondent

FERCE lobbying by sporting organisations and cigarette companies has led the Government to scale down its proposals for a swift ban on tobacco sponsorship of major sporting events.

The climbdown means that the name of leading cigarette brands will still be emblazoned around sporting venues on television up until the next general election.

Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, who took the sports world by surprise in May with his unexpected announcement of the ban, has now indicated that all existing contracts — worth £10 million a year for cricket, snooker, rugby league and golf — will be honoured. A White Paper is planned in the autumn which will spell out the change of heart. But with the prospect of a further 18 months some Health Department officials fear that the tobacco companies might ex-

ploit this and renegotiate longer contracts.

But sources close to Mr Dobson made clear that this would go against the spirit of the compromise which has been thrashed out. Mr Dobson has described the phasing out "as a period of grace".

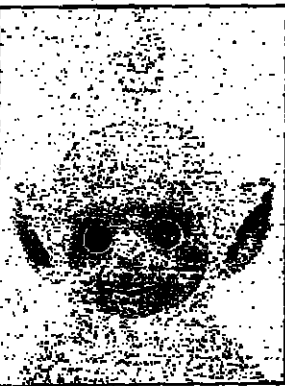
The disclosure of the softly softly approach is in stark contrast to the rhetoric of health ministers, when the ban was announced. Then they indicated that advertisements for cigarettes would disappear from the sporting arena as soon as possible after the change became law.

The compromise is a victory for Tony Banks, the sports minister, who lobbied hard against any pre-emptive strike and who, according to tobacco industry and sporting officials, "had an open door policy".

Whatever the outcome tobacco will still be inextricably linked with televised sports. Continued on page 2, col 4

Inarticulate Teletubbies will burst into prose

By Carol Midgley, Media Correspondent



Laa-Laa: enough to scare off the Germans

THE nonsensical burblings of the Teletubbies may be coming to an end. After criticism from educationists, the BBC is to make the furry creatures speak properly.

The Teletubbies, whose favourite phrases include "Aoehe", "Haro" and "All-gone", live in a surreal land where they communicate in babytalk and eat Tubby toast and custard.

The programme, on BBC 2, is aimed at two-year-olds and

has been praised for being one of the few shows which manages to communicate with pre-school children. But some experts have argued that children are not being taught to use language properly by Dipsy, Po, Laa-Laa and Tinky Winky.

Yesterday at the Edinburgh International Television Festival, Anna Home, head of children's programming said that changes may be made. "It may be that there is a need to get into more traditional speech. There may be some modifications and we may

hear some more adult language."

But she denied that the programme was holding back children's development and making them speak incorrectly. "Children grew up watching *The Clangers* and I don't think we had a whistling generation. That is the way children of that age speak but they don't go on like that."

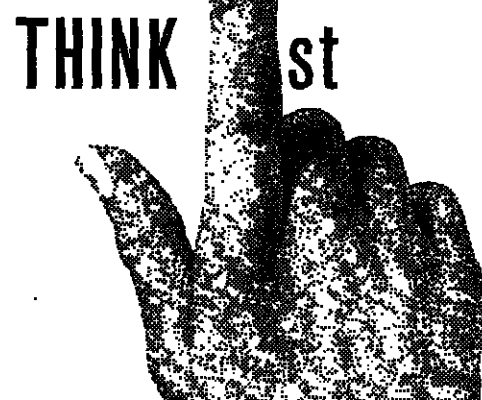
The Teletubbies have become a favourite with students and millions of pounds of merchandise is being prepared for Christmas. The programme has been sold to

South Africa, Portugal and France. But John Morris, from BBC Worldwide said that some countries had reacted with horror. One major broadcaster in Germany said: "These are like spacemen. I think they will frighten our children."

Ms Home played down the furor surrounding the sacking of David Thompson, the actor inside the suit of Tinky Winky. She said: "He was sacked for professional and performance reasons."

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MI5 probes 'bugging' claim

A former intelligence officer has alleged that Jack Straw's phone was tapped in the 1970s, reports Michael Evans

AN MI5 intelligence officer who recently resigned is being investigated by the security service after disclosing that Jack Straw, the Home Secretary and the minister accountable to Parliament for MI5 operations, had his telephone tapped when he was president of the National Union of Students.

Revelations about the tapping and bugging of Mr Straw, and of other Labour ministers including Peter Mandelson, Minister without Portfolio, and Harriet Harman, Social Security Secretary, before they entered Parliament, have been made by David Shayler, who left MI5 five months ago.

Mr Shayler, 31, who joined MI5 in 1991 and used to be a journalist on *The Sunday Times*, now faces an

investigation which could lead to police action under the Official Secrets Act. He will be investigated for breaching the terms of his employment which demanded lifelong silence about his work for MI5.

Although Mr Straw will have no part to play in any legal process that might arise from the investigation, the disclosures place the Home Secretary in an unusual position. Although it seems unlikely that the Government would want to see Mr Shayler prosecuted, there will be pressure on Mr Straw to take further steps to prevent any other disaffected intelligence officers from breaking their contract.

Mr Shayler is also threatening to write a book about his MI5 career and this could provoke the Attorney-

General John Morris, into pursuing legal action against him and any potential publishers.

All three ministers named as being MI5 bugging victims in the 1970s are away on holiday and were unavailable for comment yesterday.

Undisclosed action was taken earlier this year against a former MI6 officer, known only as Agent T, who had also threatened to write his memoirs after being sacked from the Secret Intelligence Service.

Mr Shayler's account of MI5 action against Mr Straw referred to the period when Mr Straw was a high-profile president of the NUS from 1969 to 1971 and was also politically active at Leeds University. Mr Shayler claimed that Mr Straw was judged by MI5 to be a Communist

sympathiser, although there was no evidence for it.

MI5 bugging of Mr Mandelson, Mr Shayler claimed, also occurred in the 1970s. His file allegedly reported his activities as a member of the Young Communist League in 1972 and his membership of the Communist Party of Great Britain the following year. Mr Mandelson was also recorded as being active in politics at Oxford University.

According to Mr Shayler's allegations which appeared under his own byline in *The Mail on Sunday*, MI5 bugged Mr Mandelson for up to three years and his file remained open for years afterwards. He claimed the file was reviewed as recently as 1992 and that it included "titties" from telephone conversa-

tions while he was a student at St Catherine's College, Oxford.

Mr Shayler said MI5's F2 branch, in charge of counter-subversion, tapped Mr Mandelson's phone to see if he was a Soviet sympathiser. It was an "act of pure paranoia", he said.

Mr Shayler said that the surveillance operation on Mr Mandelson had turned up nothing of interest. He believed that there was nothing in his file which justified such a rigorous inquiry into an individual whose political aspirations were no different from those of thousands of other students in the Seventies.

Ms Harman had her phones tapped when she was legal officer to the National Council for Civil Liberties between 1978 and 1982. Mr Shayler said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Man shot on first day of carnival

A man with a gunshot wound to his chest and abdomen was taken to hospital from the 32nd Notting Hill Carnival, which began yesterday. His injuries are not expected to be life-threatening. The man, 21, was one of 106 casualties, most of whom suffered heat exhaustion and sprained ankles. He was shot as he stood by the Radio One stage on Portobello Green. Another man was injured when he was hit over the head with a bottle in an altercation between two gangs. By 6pm police had arrested ten people from among the estimated 500,000 visitors: five for being drunk and disorderly, three on drugs charges, one for actual bodily harm and one for threatening behaviour. The main day of the carnival today is expected to attract about two million people.

Holidaymaker falls

Eleven British men have been arrested in Tenerife after a holidaymaker fell from the sixth floor of an apartment block. Francis Feeney, 21, from the West Midlands is in a coma after plunging more than 60ft from the apartment. Spanish police said an argument flared between the group and another six men during a drinks party. The 11 have been released without bail.

Drugs law overhaul

Simon Jenkins, a former Editor of *The Times*, and leading lawyers, academics and police officers are to launch a "long overdue" inquiry into the effectiveness of the 1971 Misuse of Drugs Act. The Police Foundation, an independent charity, is expected to focus on whether the law needs to be changed in the light of a growing drugs culture and the Government's commitment to tackle drug-related crime.

Rescue helicopter crashes

A coastguard helicopter has crashed while trying to rescue a stranded climber. The crew had already lifted one man to safety from Stac Pollaigh, a 1800 ft pinnacle in Inverpollaigh Forest near Ullapool, and were attempting to winch a second man aboard when the rotor blades collided with the rockface. None of the crew, based in Stornoway, is believed to be seriously injured.

Bishops' palace sold

A listed palace that has been home to Bishops of Portsmouth since the 1920s has been sold for £800,000. Bishopscote, on the outskirts of Fareham in Hampshire, has one of the largest thatched roofs in England and is the first bishop's palace to be sold after the Church of England lost £800 million on the property market in the 1980s. The bishop will move to a six-bedroom Victorian villa.

Rave herbs targeted

A clampdown on herbal drugs popular at nightclubs and raves will be unveiled by the Government this week. Ministers have evidence that despite claims to the contrary the products, marketed as natural alternatives to ecstasy and cannabis, can be lethal. Ingredients in the products include yohimbine, ipomoea and ephedrine. Suppliers could face two years' imprisonment.

Driver burnt in car fire

Motorists went to the help of a driver who fled from his blazing car with his clothes on fire. The 22-year-old man was fighting for his life after critical burns to his body in the blaze in the car park of Strensall Services on the south-bound carriageway of the M5 motorway. Other drivers ran across and began beating down the flames before the man, from the Nottingham area, was taken to hospital.

War aircrew honoured

A group of schoolchildren will today take part in honouring Britain's most isolated war memorial, dedicated to the memory of the Duke of Kent - King George VI's youngest brother - and the crew of the RAF Sunderland flying boat which crashed in the foothills of the Scarabans in Caithness in 1942. The Friends of War Memorials is to lead a pilgrimage to the site of the crash.



Jeremy Park, son of the 'Lady in the Lake' victim, comforts his stepsister, Jane, who has recently undergone surgery, as she arrives at the family home in Barrow yesterday

Husband of 'Lady in the Lake' held after holiday

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from distressed children have interviewed each of Carol Park's children: Vanessa, eight at the time of her mother's disappearance in 1976, Jeremy, who was six, and Rachel, then five.

A neighbour said he saw what appeared to be the couple unpacking the back of Mr Park's car at around 1.30am outside their redbrick and

pebble-dash suburban home in the Hawcoat area of Barrow. Jeremy Park, dressed in a blue shirt and dark trousers, was at the family home, where he told reporters he had been advised by police not to speak about recent events.

The curtains remained drawn at the house where, soon after midday, Carol Park's daughter by an earlier marriage, Jane, arrived. She has

recently undergone surgery and appeared in some discomfort as she was helped into the house by Jeremy.

The children have been taken back to the events leading up to their mother's disappearance on July 17, 1976. The couple had been planning to take the children to Blackpool for a day trip from their three-bedroom bungalow in Leaze, near Barrow. Carol Park pulled out at the last

minute complaining that she was not feeling well. When they returned there was no trace of her. She was not seen again until her body, wrapped in bin-liners and weighted down, was hauled from the lake.

Ivor Price, 57, Carol Park's brother, a retired shipyard worker from Walney, near Barrow, said he would not speculate about the killer. He said at the weekend: "I feel very bitter

towards the person who did this. I have my suspicions, but until a person is proven guilty they remain innocent. I have every confidence the police will bring the killer to justice."

Mr Price said that the events of the past few days have been overwhelming for the family, especially Vanessa, who was adopted by Mrs Park after her sister, Christine, was murdered by her lover.

Deal helps sport

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June 1, the date of the next General Election when the Government hopes to trumpet figures which show a sharp drop in the number of

unemployed. The deal will be a huge boost to the sporting world which is expected to benefit from the new deal.

Ministers, the manufacturers of the deal, and Benson & Hedges, Benson's biggest sponsor, will be one of the main beneficiaries. The deal will be a number of years in the making. It is feared that the deal will be terminated by the Government, which has been criticised for its handling of the deal.

Other events, which have been agreed, include the Benson & Hedges Cup, one of the premier county cricket competitions, which will run until the year 2000. The Benson & Hedges Ice Hockey championship in Sheffield, which will run to the same date.

A spokesman for Gallaghers said: "We are relieved that the deal will be allowed to run its course. But, of course, we would prefer it if they could continue indefinitely." The Tobacco Manufacturers' Association, which also lobbied hard behind the scenes, was delighted by the outcome. John Carlisle, the executive director for external affairs, said that the outcome was a victory for the combined might of the industry and the sporting world. "The Government has made an important concession. Ministers realised that to try to do this more quickly was much more complex than they realised."

Mr Carlisle, a former Conservative MP, said that the change of heart was a victory for Tony Blair. He has been far more open than the puritans of the Department of Health, he said.

Mowlam to issue talks invitation to Sinn Fein

By MARTIN FLETCHER, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

MO MOWLAM, the Northern Ireland Secretary, is preparing to give a formal invitation to Sinn Fein this week to join the full-scale peace negotiations beginning next month.

Her announcement will pave the way for an historic first meeting between Tony Blair, the Prime Minister, and Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president. That politically sensitive encounter could conceivably occur behind closed doors at Stormont Castle if Mr Blair attends the negotiations' opening session on September 15, but Downing Street denied yesterday that any sort of meeting was yet being planned.

Sinn Fein officials also said they knew of no arrangements being made, but insisted that "we won't take part in any surreptitious meetings or anything that's contrived. If and when Gerry Adams meets Mr

Blair, it will be for substantive talks."

Sinn Fein said it wanted a meeting as soon as possible after September 15. "Tony Blair has met the leaders of all the other parties and as soon as the talks start, he won't be able to make any more excuses," one official said.

The Government imposed a six-week quarantine period on Sinn Fein after the IRA's ceasefire declaration on July 30. That ends next Sunday and, barring some last-minute atrocity, there is no doubt that Dr Mowlam will judge the ceasefire to be sufficiently genuine "in word and deed" for Sinn Fein to be admitted to the Stormont negotiations.

Senior security sources say the IRA has not only stopped all overt violence, but has sharply curtailed other operations including kneecapping, punishment beatings, intelligence gathering and sur-

veillance. But whether the Ulster Unionist Party will agree to negotiate directly with Sinn Fein remains unclear. A senior UUP source denied reports yesterday that it had all but decided to do so.

Sinn Fein has refused to countenance any IRA disarmament or to accept the principle of consent if limited to Northern Ireland. The UUP is also deeply unhappy about the Government's failure to establish an international commission on disarmament.

Over the weekend John Taylor, the UUP's deputy leader, claimed Dublin was trying to block the appointment of John de Chastelain, the Canadian general, to chair the commission because of his tough line on IRA disarmament. The commission's role is expected to be discussed when Dr Mowlam meets Ray Burke, the Irish Foreign Minister, in Belfast tomorrow.

Woman wins £50,000 over hysterectomy

Ms Mary Ann Doherty, 40, and her husband, Mr John Doherty, won a £50,000 out-of-court settlement.

Ms Doherty, 40, went into Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital, London, for a major gynaecological operation to find the cause of her hysterectomy. Ms Doherty, of Pinner, northwest London, has received the settlement from the National Health Service after a long and bitter legal battle. She has been married for 15 years and has two children, a son and a daughter, both of whom have not admitted to the operation.

Ms Doherty said: "This is an important victory for women. I am pleased with the settlement, but it was never a money thing. I didn't want to sue the operation and I did not and would not have consented. It was a terrible waste of NHS money."

"What I want is my female parts. I want to have a female body. What the surgeon did to me is a crime. Doctors would never consider removing a man's penis without asking him first."

After the operation, Ms Doherty, who is divorced and has no children, had to receive therapy for post-traumatic stress. She said: "I have been terribly unable to work since the operation and it has had severe effects on my private life. I had hoped to

remarry but it is very difficult to think of myself as a woman when I have got some of my vital organs missing."

Ms Doherty was admitted to Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital in April 1992 for an NHS operation to reduce heavy periods. When she realised that the surgeon had removed her womb and ovaries, she discharged herself and complained to the police.

A one-year police investigation ended without a prosecution. Ms Doherty then sued Mr Fergusson and South East London Health Authority for negligence and battery and/or trespass against the person.

Her solicitor, Elizabeth Hayes, said: "Although no admission of liability

was made, the claims settled for an essentially full liability sum."

Since the incident the hospital has introduced protocols for obtaining informed consent to avoid similar misunderstandings in the future.

A statement from Guy's and St Thomas' said: "We deeply regret the distress suffered by Ms Doherty as a result of the hysterectomy, for which she felt she had not given permission."

"However, we understand that Mr Fergusson thought that he had Ms Doherty's consent to carry out a hysterectomy if he believed it to be in her medical interests. Clearly a breakdown in communication led to the misunderstanding."

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Prayers for murdered boy



Police searching the undergrowth at the picnic area near Thetford where Thomas, right aged 9, was found



Village is united in grief over 'loss of innocence'

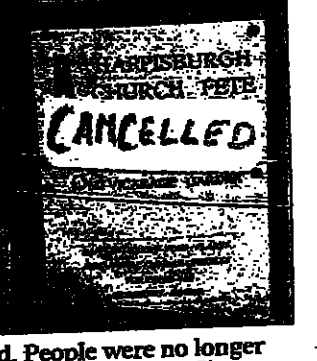
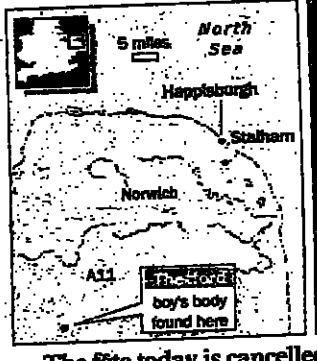
By JOANNA BAILE

RESIDENTS of Happisburgh in Norfolk yesterday prayed for the 12-year-old boy Thomas Marshall, who is believed to have been murdered by a paedophile after he was found strangled 50 miles from home at a roadside picnic area.

The Rev Richard Hines told a packed service at St Mary the Virgin Church that the small seaside village had become a focus of national grief. "Such an act of despicable evil and appalling violence to such a young and vulnerable person has shocked people to the core."

During a prayer, he spoke of the grief of Thomas's parents, John and Carol, and his grandfather, also Thomas. "We hold before you all parents with children in this neighbourhood and all the anxiety and concern which is theirs and ours... all the disgust that we feel and all the questions and doubts that Thomas's death raises."

Dr Hines said that two police officers were waiting outside the church if they had any information, "however



The fête today is cancelled. People were no longer in the mood for it, said the Rev Richard Hines

trivial". After the service, David Will, a Happisburgh parish and district councillor, said the murder had meant a loss of innocence for the village's 900 residents.

He said: "The village is in an absolute state of shock. It is a shared grief. There is a terrible sense of loss right across the village."

"This is the sort of place where people still do not lock their doors. Everyone knows each other's business and children up to now have always ridden around care-free on bikes. Since Thomas's body was found, I have not

seen a child alone on a bike. I don't know if it is ever going to be the same here again."

John Knight, 65, who lives next door to the Marshalls' flint cottage, said: "He was such a nice boy and so respectful. Perhaps he was a little too nice and naive and believed someone and went with them when he should not have."

Dr Hines added: "Everyone is full of questions like 'What sort of person has been moving around among us' and 'How can something like this happen?' People are being very reflective and subdued."

Some people are saying that the children are grounded until they can be sure it's safe. This is just a traditional Norfolk village which is quite isolated, so people tend to be remarkably close with lots of neighbourly contact."

He said the village fête today has been cancelled because people were "not in the mood".

Like many local families, the Marshalls have lived in the Happisburgh area for generations. Mr Marshall's grandfather owned the house before him, worked as a motor engineer and ran the local forge.

Amanda Balls, 12, a friend and classmate of Thomas, said: "Thomas normally spends every summer down at the beach but this summer we did not see so much of him. I think he was hanging around with different friends. When he disappeared we thought he had just run away and would come home any day."

She said he had recently been in trouble with the police for setting light to a haystack with friends. "They were mucking around and it just

got out of hand. He was given a caution."

Her mother, Linda Balls, said: "I saw his mother on Friday morning when Thomas was still missing when I went for a walk at the beach. She was looking for Thomas and asked me if I had seen him."

"I hugged her and said I was sure he would be OK. She was just in such shock and wanted to keep looking. She just said: 'If you see him, send him home.'"

Police officers trained in searching scenes of crime areas yesterday began combing the picnic area where the

body was found in bracken at Roudham Heath, near Thetford, 50 yards off the south-bound carriageway of the A11 Norwich to London road. The area is a popular overnight stop for lorry drivers and also a meeting-point of homosexuals.

David Sutherland, acting Inspector and police search adviser, said: "We are doing a fingertip search within 20 metres of the body and an initial search of the whole area with sticks."

A telephone box and the contents of litter bins were being examined and fingerprints taken. Detectives were

also questioning Thomas's friends.

Superintendent Les Parrett, who is leading the inquiry, said: "He told his parents that he had found a fast cycle route along a dust track called Cart Gap. He was a distinctive-looking boy with blond hair and we have already had some sightings of him."

Police are also examining tapes from closed-circuit television cameras from petrol stations along the route between Happisburgh and Thetford. He was wearing a black T-shirt and black track suit trousers when he disappeared.

50 flights diverted as crash closes Gatwick

By HARVEY ELLIOTT
AIR CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of passengers who had been expecting to arrive at Gatwick yesterday found themselves landing instead at airports from Aberdeen to Southampton after Britain's busiest holiday airport was forced to shut for nearly three hours.

As thousands of holiday-makers returned to a damp and muggy southern Britain, an Airbus A320 carrying 183 passengers and eight crew had to turn back 50 minutes after taking off for Palma, Majorca, because of a fault in the hydraulics controlling the nose wheel. After a perfect touchdown the pilot tried to control the aircraft by alternating the brakes but, with no real control available, the aircraft veered off the runway on to a grass verge. The passengers were taken off by emergency chutes and none was hurt.

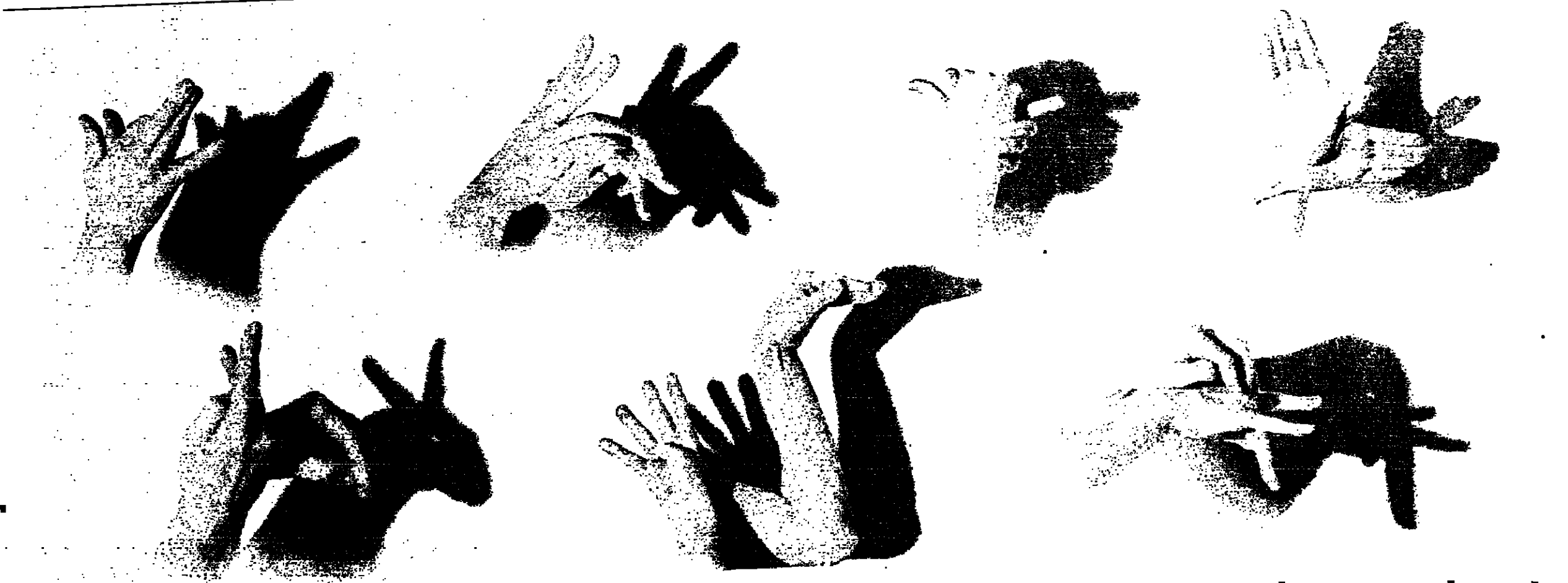
The incident, on one of the busiest days of the year, blocked Gatwick's single runway and forced the closure of the airport. Air traffic controllers had to divert 50 waiting flights to any airport able to take them. One flight from the United States was told to land at Aberdeen, while others were sent to Manchester, Luton, Stansted, Southampton and Manston, Kent.

Airlines arranged coach transport back to Gatwick for the thousands of passengers affected. The emergency led to some departing flights being cancelled and delays of up to two hours for almost all departures.

Affected airlines spent most of yesterday trying to get their schedules back to normal after bringing diverted flights — some with passengers still on board — back to Gatwick. British Airways had 11 inbound flights diverted and had to cancel five departures. More than 200 British holidaymakers who thought they were returning to Stansted airport were surprised to see that they had landed at Gatwick instead.

It is thought that Cubana flight CU144 from Havana on Wednesday had filed the wrong flight plan. If a pilot is handed a plan giving co-ordinates for Gatwick, he enters them in the aircraft's computer and it goes there almost automatically.

The aircraft took off again for Stansted after half an hour, with the explanation that it had diverted because of "bad weather at Stansted". Wednesday was one of the best, cloudless days of the summer. No one in Havana would comment further.




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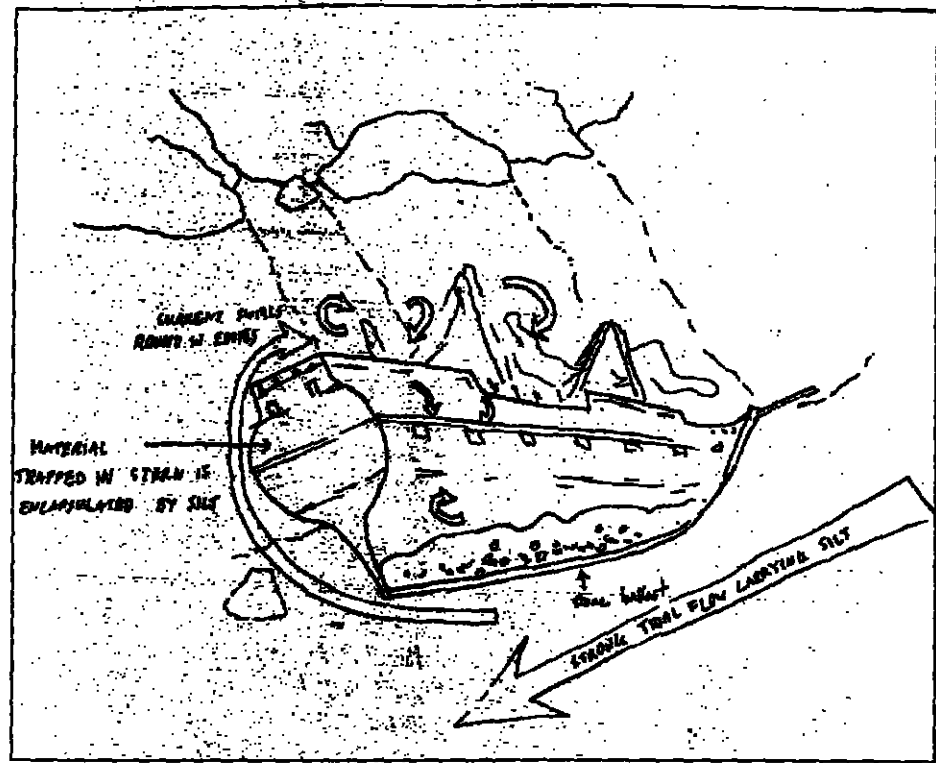
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Tidal currents preserved the ship by covering and filling it with tons of silt
Excavation of the most important wreck found since Henry VIII's *Mary Rose* has been ended by a lack of funds, reports Stephen Farrell

MARINE archaeologists will today consign back to the deep a Cromwellian warship that has provided insights into Britain's navy during the Civil War. The *Swan*, a 200-ton man-of-war, was hailed the most exciting underwater discovery in Britain since the *Mary Rose* after divers found its 350-year-old interior perfectly preserved in silt.

A team from the Scottish Institute of Maritime Studies has logged 1,000 hours underwater during five years in which it has recovered the ship's binnacle and compass, weapons, carvings and clothing.

Today, the expedition, led by Colin Martin of St Andrews University, will pump silt into the collapsed stern and lay the final sandbags to protect it from erosion as the first stage of excavation comes to a close.

The vessel is too fragile to be brought to the surface but more money is needed if ambitious plans to excavate the remainder of the exposed stern and buried ship are to be realised.

The *Swan*, a 20-cannon vessel built in the early 1640s for Charles I, would have had a crew of between 60 and 80. After being captured by a parliamentary vessel in 1645, she spearheaded Cromwell's naval intelligence-gathering



operation on the western coast during the early 1650s. She sank in 40ft of water a few yards off the Isle of Mull in a violent storm on September 13, 1653, while suppressing the Royalist Maclean clan at Duart Castle.

The few men aboard probably perished; witnesses could hear their cries for help but because of the heavy seas and steep rocks could not save them.

She was discovered in 1979 by John Dard, a Royal Navy diving instructor, who noticed the blurred outline of three cannons while fishing for lobsters. Hoping to salvage the wreck himself, he told nobody for 12 years but when he realised the fragility of the material, he contacted the archaeological diving unit at St Andrews.

They found that tidal patterns that had preserved the wreck by pushing silt into the collapsed stern had changed

and threatened to destroy what remained.

The team, which was funded by Historic Scotland, used underwater video cameras and suction equipment to remove the silt and diving suits fitted with microphones as they logged and excavated hundreds of artefacts. These have been sent to conservation laboratories at the National Museums of Scotland in Edinburgh.

Among the most important early finds was the ship's binnacle, which held navigational aids and was the first to be recovered from a shipwreck of the period.

They also recovered the compass, parts of the pump, carved heads and ornate fittings and a crest bearing the motto *Ich Dien*, coronet and feathers. This confirmed it was the *Swan*.

Dr Martin said the five-year marine excavation had exceeded all expectations. "Although quite a small ship she appears to have been used for quite sensitive and important work, keeping an eye on Irish, Scottish and foreign incursions on the Western coast of Britain. She was, if you like, Cromwell's GCHQ."

"We knew there was something inside the vessel but we didn't know how much or in what condition it was. In fact there is an awful lot down

there. The silt has covered everything and preserved all the doors, panelling and internal furnishings in almost pristine condition. It is really quite extraordinary."

Although maritime engagements played no significant part in the Civil War, Cromwell knew the importance of a powerful and loyal navy. The *Swan* and five other ships, under the command of Colonel Ralph Cobbett, transported 1,000 soldiers to lay siege to Duart Castle, only to find the castle empty and the Macleans fled.

The troops had just landed when the storm broke, as described in a letter to Cromwell from his senior commander in Scotland, Robert Lilburne: "There hapned a most violent storme, which continued for 16 or 18 houres together in which wee lost a small Man of Warre called the *Swan* ... and all this in the sight of our men at land, who saw their freinds drowning and heard them crying for helpe, but could not save them."

The human remains will be



The *Swan's* stern carving. Colin Martin, below, sits in front of Duart Castle holding a weight from a portable balance, found in the wreck



The ship's compass, left, and a wooden spoon which were recovered from the wreck in near-pristine condition

Zoo signs up tame poet to celebrate its wild beasts

LONDON ZOO is to house a new species - a poet in residence.

The zoo will be the first beneficiary of a Poetry Society coup in winning a £450,000 National Lottery grant from the Arts Council for a two-year programme to establish poets in residence at a variety of sometimes unlikely venues around the country.

Others proposed homes for poets include parks, gardens, libraries, schools, bookshops, offices and company headquarters.

Chris Meade, the director of the Poetry Society who conceived the scheme, said yesterday: "I am overjoyed. This is great news, not just for poets but for the whole of society."

Mr Meade said that the management of the zoo was "very enthusiastic" about the scheme. Its ideas included creating poetry guides to the zoo and its collections, finding poems

The Poetry Society has won lottery cash to allow the muse to travel the land, reports Robin Young

to cages and arranging programmes to encourage visitors and staff to write their own poems about zoo life. About 100 such placements and eight residences will be created each year under the lottery-funded scheme.

Mr Meade, whose organisation has doubled its membership over the past two years, said: "We know poets can inspire children, teenagers and adults to love language and imagination. Now, after years on a shoestring, we have the resources to prove poetry's worth on a national scale."

The announcement comes amid sensational times for poets. One of their number, Murray Lachlan Young, has a

deal with EMI worth the sort of money previously reserved for pop stars. The 28-year-old is to record his works on CD for £1.1 million.

Among those already seeking a poet in residence is Mishcon De Reya, the London solicitors who act for Diana, Princess of Wales. The firm is offering £10,000 a year for a successful applicant.

To celebrate its promotion to the Premier League, Barnsley football club has already appointed Ian McMillan, a local man, as its poet in residence.

Football verse has traditionally been of the rather simple rhyming variety ("Two, four, six, eight, who do we appreciate?" or "He's got no

hair, but we don't care") and this is the first time a club has taken an official interest in emphasising the poetry of the sport.

Mr Meade, who is interviewing would-be poets in residence as fast as he can, said: "What interests us is the opening of a whole range of opportunities for poets. As far as lawyers are concerned, for example, poets can help them think about the use of language when making pleas or arguing points of law."

The society is also in discussion with Marks & Spencer. An M&S poet would not only encourage staff with a literary talent, according to Jane Lowe, a spokeswoman for the company, but could write poems on special occasions, or perhaps provide the chairman with a few useful verses to enliven a speech.

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John O'Leary on new claims about intelligence

Old people who stay healthy also stay sharp

There is evidence that Edinburgh people are a well-educated, well-nourished group; those factors can help maintain mental powers," he says.

Previous results show that people who are more intelligent show slower declines than less intelligent. This may be because they have greater mental reserves, or because they tend to keep mentally active.



BY ROBIN YOUNG

One highlight of yesterday's mental battle was the finals of *The Times* crossword competition, for which competitors had qualified by a series of heats and regional finals. The Mind Sports Olympiad, which is hoped to become an annual event, was sponsored by the insurance and financial services group Skandia, and supported by *The Times*.

Relatives of Lucille McLaughlin and Deborah Perry, the British nurses accused of murder in Saudi Arabia, flew out to be with them before the court's verdict is delivered. The nurses could be beheaded if they are found guilty of murdering their Australian colleague Yvonne Gilford. The pair have repeatedly protested their innocence.

A 24-year-old man, serving four years for burglary was found hanging in his cell at Haverigg prison, near Milnford, Cumbria. Staff failed in their attempts to revive Christopher O'Connor, who was sentenced at Preston, Lancashire in January. The police and coroner have been informed and an inquest will

A police sergeant was killed when his car hit one of three horses roaming on the A194 in Washington, Tyne and Wear, and left the road. Steve Armstrong, 35, who had been twice commended, was driving home to South Shields in the early hours after a night shift. His wife, Julie, is expecting their first child. The horse was also killed.

A squirrel cut electricity to more than 20,000 homes by causing an explosion in a substation. The power cut affected Pinner, Borehamwood and Stannore in northwest London. Eastern Electricity said: "The squirrel managed to find its way into a powerful transformer, former equipment, causing it to explode." The animal did not survive.

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

Kent police said: "We have reason to believe that the two

down here in which one gang wants to be bigger than the next gang and wants to control more of the bootlegging. The big boys are now in Dover, she said.

rows over bootleg beer sound more like something from prohibition in Chicago."

Last year it was estimated that £770 million in revenue was lost because of drink smuggling.

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

that rodent ulcers and squamous cell cancers, the two most common skin cancers which are comparatively easily treated, are the result of exposure to sun.

vulnerable. Excessive burning in childhood, at a time when the skin is very pale and soft, is considered an additional risk factor.

Few doctors think the

...races; are most at risk, the American blacks least. African races have a higher incidence than black Americans possibly because their feet are more often exposed

gives us our skin type and the number and type of moles, but we can avoid getting sunburnt, or allowing our children to do so, and so lessen our risk of

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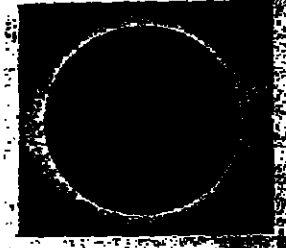


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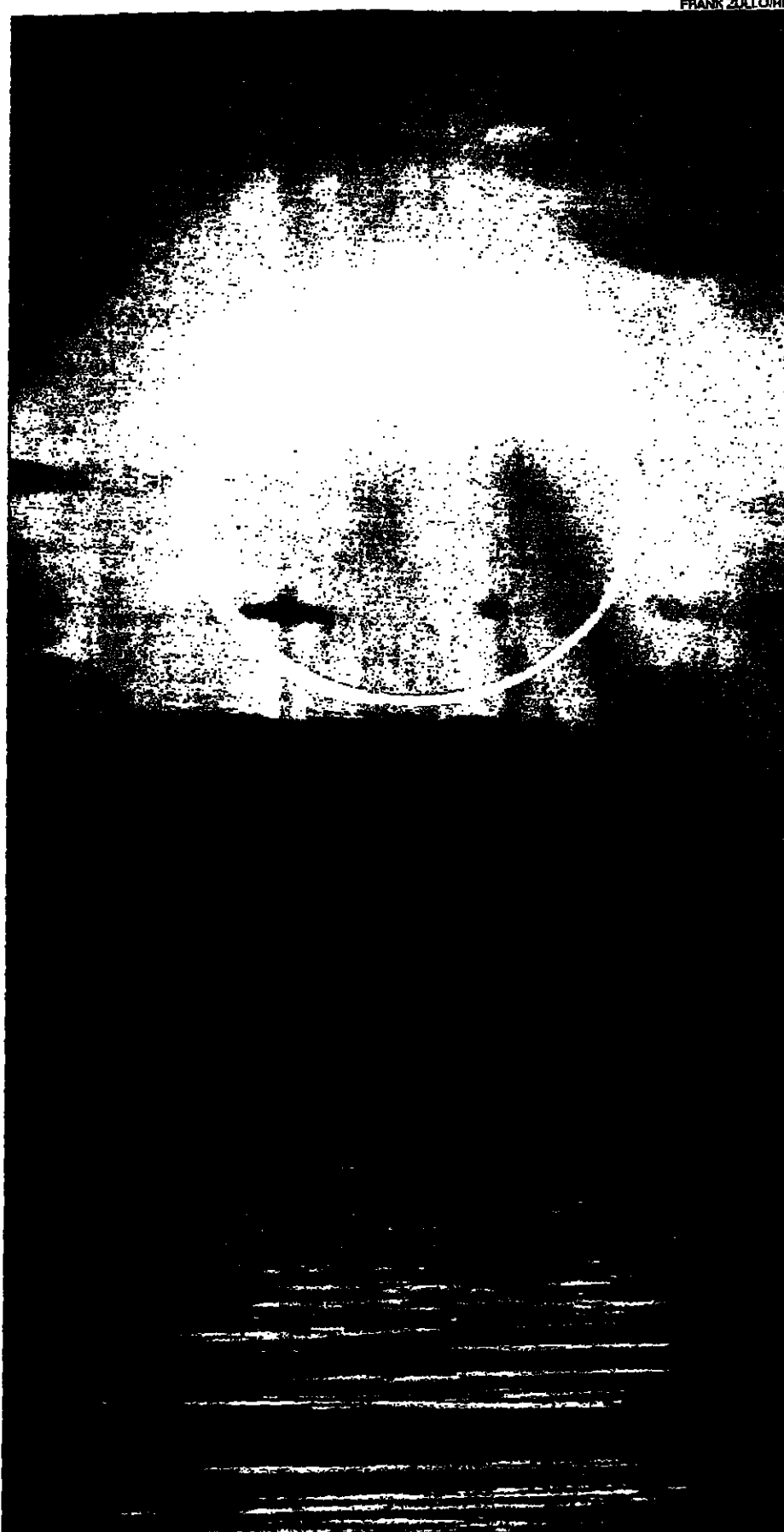
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The first total
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writes Simon
de Bruxelles



In the dark: how the *News of the World*, above left, reported the eclipse of 1927, which was watched by these nurses. A full solar eclipse is unforgettable, as this photograph, right, taken in California in 1992, shows



CORNWALL is bracing itself for the biggest traffic jam in its history in 1999, when more than half a million extra visitors are expected to arrive to watch Britain's first total solar eclipse for 70 years.

The eclipse will reach totality at 11.11am on Monday August 11, 1999, with the central line passing through St Just, near Land's End, to Falmouth. The area will be plunged into darkness for approximately two minutes and six seconds.

Visitors are expected in their thousands from as far as Japan and America to view the last total eclipse of the millennium. Many hotels have already been booked by travel companies.

But even without the added attraction of the eclipse, the West Country will be overcrowded. "No vacancy" signs and queues across Cornwall this Bank Holiday weekend gave motorists a taste of things to come. More alarmist planners warned yesterday that, unless emergency measures were introduced, tens of thousands could be trapped for days without food or water.

Cornwall Tourist Board spokesman Roy Standing, who sits on the county's emergency planning committee alongside representatives from the police, fire and ambulance services, said: "I don't think many people realise quite how big this is going to be. The last total eclipse in Britain in 1927 passed across North Wales and Yorkshire and it still holds the record for the greatest number of trains

chartered in a single day. In the second week of August, Cornwall is already full. There are no bed spaces available and that includes hotels, guest houses and camping sites. We will be quite unable to meet the demands imposed by half a million extra visitors. One US travel agent has already taken five medium-sized hotels of 60 rooms each and I expect every available room in Cornwall to be booked by the start of the season."

Planners have decided that simply putting up "No Vacancy" signs and closing bridges across the Tamar is not an option. Instead they are considering massive temporary

camp sites and road closures and introducing Britain's longest one-way system to keep traffic flowing.

Britain's leading expert on eclipses, John Parkinson, director of the school of science and mathematics at Sheffield Hallam University, said: "Come the day you will find the whole country wrapped up in eclipse mania. Seeing an eclipse at home is the experience of a lifetime."

"I have organised expeditions to study six total eclipses in the past 20 years but until now they have all been on the other side of the world. This is not like the excitement over Hale-Bopp. This is something

you can't miss. If you are in southwest England the Sun is going out completely and mid-morning will become mid-night."

Professor Parkinson believes hysteria will begin to mount around two weeks before the actual event. Many people will set off a week or so in advance but many more will decide to go on the spur of the moment. His department has produced the estimate of 500,000 extra visitors on the basis of previous eclipses in America and elsewhere. He said yesterday that the figure could be an underestimate.

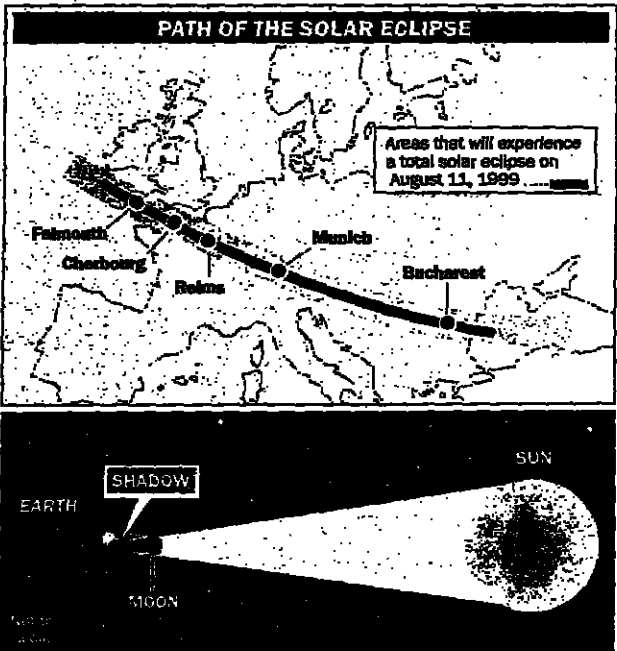
Although skies will darken across Britain, only in the tip of the southwest peninsula will the sun be blotted out completely. Professor Parkinson said: "In Exeter, the eclipse will be 99.6 per cent total but I can assure you that the extra 0.6 per cent is worth all the effort it will take to witness it."

"Who is going to stay in Exeter - or Bristol or London for that matter - when by travelling those extra few miles you can witness something that will still be talked about in 70 years' time? I have spoken to many people who saw the 1927 eclipse and it is something that has stayed with them all their lives. They can remember precisely where they were standing when they saw it even though they might have been only ten years old."

A series of events is being planned across Cornwall to coincide with the eclipse. But the most dramatic will be the revival of three medieval pas-

sion plays, found in the Bodleian Library, which have not been performed for more than 200 years.

The *Passio Domini*, written in Cornish in 1388, will culminate in the eclipse darkening the crucifixion scene on the mound outside Perranporth where the plays were originally performed. The climax was suggested by the author D.M. Thomas and will give the Cornish version an impact that the producers of other passion plays, such as Oberammergau in Bavaria, can only dream of.



Record numbers will see 'dragon devour the Sun'

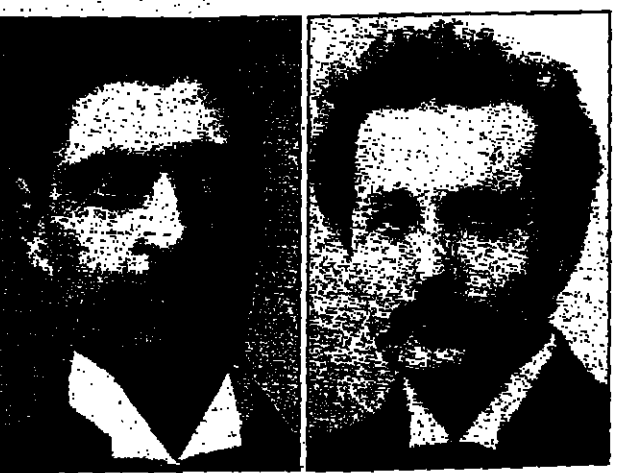
Cities from Cherbourg to Bucharest will go dark, writes Simon de Bruxelles

THE last total solar eclipse of the millennium will be witnessed by more people than any other in history. Although its first landfall will be the north Cornish coast, the shadow cast will black out a heavily populated path from Britain to Romania. Total eclipse will be experienced in the cities of Cherbourg, Reims, Stuttgart, Munich and Bucharest.

Although there are total solar eclipses on average every 18 to 24 months, they are just as likely to occur over the oceans or the polar regions as over populated areas.

Throughout history all eclipses have been regarded as ill omens and the solar eclipse as the most ominous of all. Both the ancient Greeks and the Romans thought they presaged disaster and in Rome public assemblies were banned when they occurred.

The Chinese, Lapps, and Persians would bang drums and kettles to scare off the dragon they believed was devouring the Sun. In Med-



Solar eclipses inspired the writer Rider Haggard, left, and led to the award of the Nobel Prize to Einstein, right, for his Theory of Relativity

co, an eclipse was thought to be the result of quarrels between the Sun and Moon. But for science, a solar eclipse offers the chance to study the Sun's corona and other phenomena. In 1919, an observation during an eclipse that the Sun's gravity caused light from distant stars to bend was the first proof of Albert Einstein's

revolutionary Theory of Relativity and led to him receiving the Nobel Prize. Professor Parkinson's expeditions to observe eclipses have gathered precise data about otherwise unobservable changes in the size of the Sun.

Eclipses have also inspired authors from Shakespeare to H. Rider Haggard, whose

hero's prediction of an eclipse astounded the natives in *King Solomon's Mines*.

Although the Moon is very much smaller than the Sun its relative closeness to the Earth means there is only half a degree difference in their apparent diameters. When the three bodies are aligned in solar eclipse the Moon's shadow, known as its umbra, can black out a circular area on the Earth's surface up to 167 miles in diameter, although most umbrae are far smaller. A further area up to 3,000 miles in diameter is obscured by the penumbra, an area of semi-darkness.

The Moon's shadow travels eastwards at a speed of between 1,000-2,000 miles an hour, depending on the speed of the Earth's rotation. In theory the speed and size could result in a total eclipse up to 7½ minutes long, but this occurs only once in several thousand years. The length of total darkness depends also on where the observer is standing in relation to the centre line of totality.

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Islanders say funds would be better spent giving them a chance to rebuild, reports **David Adams** in Woodlands

He repeated an earlier offer to Mrs Short to visit the island "to see for herself the way people are suffering here". He said he was disappointed that

Despite a British-organised voluntary evacuation which began on Saturday, Mr Brandt said that many of the 5,000 people still on the island

As Britain presses ahead with the voluntary evacuation of Montserrat — due to contin-

"It's like being knocked down and then someone kicks you on the ground," said

Shortly before the election, she was rebuked by John Prescott when she broke with party policy by declaring that it would be fair for people on her level of income to pay more tax. In an interview in the Ne-

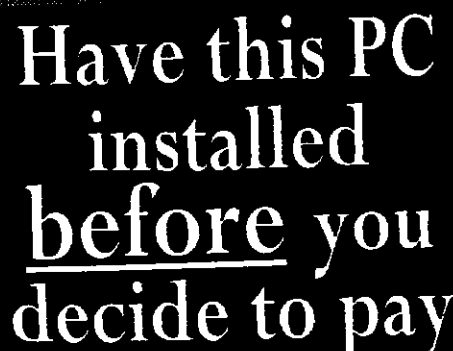
wards, Tony Blair demote her from the shadow transport portfolio to international development.

She wrote: "If I had daughter I would not advise her to go into politics. It's too nasty and hurtful."

Commons. The downfall of Mr. Foulkes, SS, came after he reeled from a party of the Scotch Whisky Association in time for a Commons debate on education. In his haste to reach Parliament the

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Ian Brodie spends his dollars at America's best kept shopping secret — on lost luggage booty in Scottsboro, Alabama

BARGAIN hunters were packing the aisles yesterday at the Unclaimed Baggage Centre, a one-of-a-kind department store where lost airline luggage starts a new life.

It is not something airlines like to talk about, but the small town of Scottsboro in the Appalachian foothills has what Oprah Winfrey calls America's best kept shopping secret. There are bargains galore from around the world — Hermes scarves for the equivalent of £30, Burberry overcoats for £50, Vuarnet sunglasses for £12, Roller-blades for £15.

Princess tennis rackets for a fiver, all either new or slightly used. In their eagerness to snap up good buys, shoppers hardly pause to think how it was lost in the first place. How did a wedding dress come to be here? Or an altar the size of a wardrobe? Or a pair of antlers?

The merchandise comes from baggage that has gone unclaimed by airline passengers for more than 90 days, plus articles left on planes or in airports and a growing volume of unclaimed air freight. Fewer than five suitcases in a thousand go missing. Of these, 98 per cent are returned within five days. Of the 2 per cent remaining, half are returned within 90 days, leaving fewer than 50 bags in a million that are never reunited with their owners.

One man who recently bought a set of golf clubs from the Unclaimed Baggage Centre found the name and address of the man they had belonged to hidden at the bottom of the bag. He gave him a call and offered to return the clubs. "No, keep them and enjoy them," said the original owner. "The airline paid my claim and I have an even better set now."

American airlines pay up to \$1,250 (£780) to passengers for lost bags, so perhaps some are not too distraught at never

seeing their possessions again. In Britain, compensation is far less generous — £12.50 a kilo.

The Unclaimed Baggage Centre throws out about a fifth of the items it gets as unusable and donates a third to charities. The rest goes on sale at 20 to 50 per cent of its original retail value. There is masses of it. A wall of sunglasses, two walls of cameras, a trunkload of Walkmans, dozens of CDs, display cases filled with jewellery, both paste and genuine, shoes, camping equipment, lots of suitcases and rack upon rack of clothing.

Among the oddest items received was an Egyptian burial mask from a pharaoh's tomb. Another case contained signed and numbered Salvador Dali prints. A ship-

ping tube was a hiding place for \$240,000 in cash. An original painting sold by the shop for \$80 was later valued at \$10,000.

A local pensioner says he visits every day, sometimes twice, on the lookout for Christmas presents. I admit to buying two cameras at half price. There are thousands of customers every week and many drive hundreds of miles, including British tourists from Florida.

The shop was opened in 1970 by Doyle Owens, an insurance man who sold lost property for bus companies. Airlines were a natural progression. The firm is now run by his son, Bryan, who has added two other branches.

The Unclaimed Baggage Centre refuses to identify its airline suppliers, saying contracts with them are confidential. British Airways is not among them. It sends lost baggage to Heathrow where, after all tracing is exhausted, spectacles go to Third World countries and suitable books to children's homes. All other unclaimed items are sold to Wentworth Auction Gallery with proceeds going to charity.

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One million flock to Pope's Mass

Pontiff appeals to young in France for a revived intensity of faith

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

MORE than a million Roman Catholics crammed onto Longchamp racecourse in Paris yesterday for the Pope's farewell Mass, in which he told the young faithful from 160 countries: "There is more to life than films and pop music."

The climax to the 12th World Youth Festival combined the atmosphere of an open-air church with that of a massive rock festival as the Pope, sporting new designer vestments, called for a new "intensity of faith" among the world's youth, and was greeted with deafening cheers.

The Pope's four-day visit has proved both triumphant — drawing crowds that far exceeded expectations — and controversial, with rows over abortion and the decision to hold yesterday's Mass on the anniversary of the 1572 St Bartholomew's Day massacre, when French Catholics slaughtered thousands of Protestants.

On Saturday night the Pope referred to the 16th-century religious atrocities and called for inter-faith unity. "Christians did things which the Gospel condemns," he said.

Many of the faithful at yesterday's Mass had spent the night in Longchamp observing a prayer vigil, to be awoken by Benedictine nuns singing a chant at dawn. By mid-morning police estimated that 900,000 were packed on to the course, with an additional 150,000 massed in the surrounding areas of the Bois de Boulogne. Organisers had predicted a crowd of no more than 650,000.

The 77-year-old Pope appeared frail and weary after his four-day visit, and in an apparent reference to his own mortality, he noted: "The longer we live, the more we realise how precarious life is, and the more we wonder about immortality."

"The world is wonderful and rich. It sets before us countless treasures. It attracts both our reason and our will."



Worshippers greet the Pope on his arrival at Longchamp racecourse outside Paris where he celebrated Mass yesterday at the end of his four-day visit to France

But in the end it does not satisfy our spirit," he said. The Pope also announced that "God willing" he would attend the next Youth Festival to be held in Rome in 2000 to coincide with other Holy Year events.

A large white umbrella was held over the pontiff to ward off the blistering sun. More than 5,000 people from the crowd were treated by emergency services, most of them suffering from dehydration and exhaustion.

In farewell messages in 12 languages, the Pope singled out the people of the Great Lakes region of Africa. "We know what hardships your peoples have suffered," he said. A day earlier the pilgrims had formed a 20-mile

human "chain of brotherhood" around the city, to the delight of some motorists and the fury of others caught in the resulting traffic jams. After the

There is more to life than looking at films and listening to pop music

Mass and a tour of central Paris in his "popemobile", the Pope held a final meeting with Lionel Jospin, the Socialist Prime Minister, before flying back to Rome. On Friday, the

Socialist Party sharply criticised the Pope for visiting the grave of anti-abortionist Jérôme Lejeune, claiming that the move would encourage militant and possibly violent anti-abortion activists.

The crowd that assembled for yesterday's papal Mass was one of the largest in the history of Paris and by far the biggest to greet the Pope on any of his visits to France. However, the choice of Longchamp — the most famous venue for horse racing and betting in France — as a scene for religious fervour was also a source of mirth.

Le Monde newspaper published a cartoon on its front page showing bishops celebrating after betting correctly on the first three runners past

the post at the famous race track yesterday: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Pope also announced that St Therese of Lisieux, a co-patroness of France alongside Joan of Arc and the Virgin Mary, would be made a Doctor of the Church in October. St Therese, who died 100 years ago and whose spiritual book *The Story of a Soul* attracted a huge following, thus becomes only the third woman to be so honoured, joining Catherine of Siena and Teresa of Avila.

In an editorial the paper noted: "The success of the Pope's visit has surprised and reassured the Catholic Church." The Pope will visit Brazil in October and Cuba in January next year.



The Pope made a point of mentioning the hardship endured in the Great Lakes region of Africa

Nato has eyes on Karadzic TV mast

FROM TOM WALKER IN GORNJA OMARSKA

ON THE road to Prijedor, the Kozara television mast shimmers in the heat haze. Far below, small clusters of Serb farms are dotted round the mountain's base.

These are people wary of Western intervention. In 1995 the same television mast was bombed by American warplanes as Nato brought in some belated firepower to halt the Bosnian war. Last month Nato's Stabilisation Force (Sfor) was back in action, shooting dead Sime Drizica, the war crimes suspect, as he fished in the shadow of Kozara mountain.

Now the rumour is that Sfor is ready to surround the television mast and hand it over to Biljana Plavsic, the Bosnian Serb President, as she battles with Radovan Karadzic for control of Republika Srpska's airwaves.

So far the international community, desperate to remove Dr Karadzic from power at all costs, has helped Mrs Plavsic install her own police in Banja Luka, where British Sfor troops still guard all the main stations. An advance on the television mast, deep in the heart of Serb farmland, is another matter.

Stevanija Vaskrsic, who owes his 71 years of good health to his habit of taking two rakis before a meal and again afterwards, has seen it all before. On the wooded slopes of Kozara above his farm at Gornja Omarka, three of his brothers and cousins died fighting the Germans in 1941. Fifty years later, it was Nato who struck. Tomahawk missiles landed in his meadow, killing a post.

"If Sfor soldiers come here to take our land, then we will shoot at them," said a neighbour.

The irony is that the Serbs here know about the corruption of Dr Karadzic and his cronies. They privately admit that life in Prijedor has been better since Sime Drizica's mafia empire was ended. But they cannot stomach Mrs Plavsic's collusion with Sfor troops in carrying out her programme.

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Church challenger marches into battle for sake of women priests

IN HIS hot, fan-blasted office, papers flapping furiously on his desk, Father Tissa Balasuriya looks anything but a heretic. He has been excommunicated by the Roman Catholic Church, raising this elderly, little-known social activist from a mainly Buddhist country to what seem improbable heights of controversy and importance.

It is believed to be the first time since the 1950s that a priest has been excommunicated for doctrinal reasons. It happened with such authoritarian suddenness he has become the focus of debate about human rights within the Church and what he regards as the Vatican's unfair tactics against anybody challenging Catholic orthodoxy. He chuckles at the thought that he is perceived as the Vatican's main living threat.

He was excommunicated six months ago after refusing to sign a lengthy profession of faith, which would have amounted to a repudiation of some of his more radical beliefs, a document he described as "a new form of mental torture". His main objection to signing it was that the document contained the idea that salvation could come only through the Catholic Church.

He said the clauses included an assertion that, as Christ had chosen only men as his Apostles, the Church had no

Christopher Thomas in Colombo meets a good-humoured elderly priest who is determined to defy Church dogma

right to appoint women as priests. "If you take that to its logical conclusion," he added, chuckling again, "all priests would have to be circumcised Jews." This friendly old priest is plainly determined to pursue his fight with the Church he has served most of his life through humour and mockery as well as intellectual argument. Only 7.5 per cent of Sri Lankans are Catholic.

His irreverence has made him a target of attack within the Sri Lankan Catholic hierarchy — there are 1.2 million Catholics on the island, against 960 million worldwide — and the subject of mounting conflict in church circles worldwide.

Father Balasuriya, 73, founder of the Colombo-based Centre for Society and Religion, said his appeal against excommunication had been rejected on the ground that the Pope had seen all the paperwork and approved it. He had not been allowed an audience to present his case and there was no contact with the Vatican any more. He was willing to sign the profession of faith if the doctrinal errors of which he was supposedly guilty were put to an international board

of theologians acceptable to both sides. That idea was rejected.

His trouble started three years after the 1990 publication of his book, *Mary and Human Liberation*, whose initial print run of 600 copies would have probably vanished without trace if Sri Lanka's bishops had not declared that it contained four doctrinal errors and that Catholics should shun it. It is now published in French, and a British edition will be released next month. The book is dedicated, with calculated neat-



Balasuriya: leadership not biological function

ting, to "all the women who have enriched my life".

He is unstoppable on the subject of women priests. "At the most important point of Christ's life, the Apostles ran away. Apart from John, women were present at the sacrifice of Jesus. Mary was at the foot of the Cross. She was the first priest of the New Testament. It is wrong to say that Mary, on the basis of gender, is not fit to be a priest."

He believes women have been excluded from the priesthood because men want to retain monopoly power. "There is no reason, sociological, biological, theological or spiritual, why there cannot be a black, brown, white or yellow female Pope. Spiritual leadership is not a biological function."

His rejection of the doctrine of original sin was cited as one of many complaints against his book. The Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith declared that Father Balasuriya had attacked the central contents of the doctrine.

He talks passionately about the events that are turning him into one of the biggest figures of church controversy since the Pope's clampdown on rebel Latin American liberation theologians in the 1980s. For all the hubbub he does not rule out reconciliation with the Vatican, "but perhaps not in this lifetime".

Moscow paints over purges of Stalin

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

AS MOSCOW races to beautify itself in time for next month's lavish 850th anniversary celebrations, one task still eludes the capital's diligent municipality — how to erase the most evocative memory of Stalin's bloody purges from the city's skyline.

Besides workmen completing the mayor's ambitious building projects, a small army of painters, plasterers and scaffolders has nearly completed restoration work on the infamous House on the Embankment. The giant 1930s modernist apartment block across the river from the Kremlin has for generations served as the top residential address in Moscow. Although the building's depressing dark exterior is now covered in a fresh new

coat of light grey paint, for many Muscovites terrible memories lie behind its walls.

The building at Serafimovich Street was completed in 1931, under orders of the Bolshevik leadership, to house generals, party leaders and the cream of the scientific community. "Moscow had never seen anything like this building before," said Tamara Ter-Egiazaryan, a sprightly 89-year-old and the last original inhabitant. "It was not only clean, new and ultra-modern for its day, but it was designed for communist life." The building, the first to have central heating, hot water and gas in the city, also boasted its own private shops, hardware, cinema, theatre and even an indoor tennis court,

where high-ranking Communists could indulge in what their own party condemned as a bourgeois sport.

But in the Stalin purges the party leadership suffered the worst. "I remember those days well. Sometimes they would take as many as five or six people a day from the building," said Mrs Ter-Egiazaryan, who lived there at the time with her young son. "You did not dare speak to anyone, particularly relatives of someone arrested." Lights would come on at night, she said, "when you would know that another poor soul had been led off." She has opened a small museum inside the building, dedicated to the memory of the 600 residents who were persecuted by Stalin.

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A European dream mired in the past

The British Embassy in Bonn used to be a dour backwater, an ugly building in a small town in Germany.

John le Carré garlanded it in fog and credibly presented the embassy as a microcosm of the British caste system. When I first corresponded from Bonn, 20 years ago, the diplomatic village seemed to be underemployed, undernourished and under anaesthetic. I was long-stop in the cricket team and so speak with authority.

Nowadays the embassy sometimes seems to have the fizz of a think-tank. Others will challenge this, but for my money it has become the most intellectually fertile of British embassies in Europe.

Ambassadors have set the tone — Nigel Broomfield recently retired, Chris Meyer, new but on his way to Washington — and the squat factory-like house bursts with expertise.

Perhaps the foreign service has changed over the years in some subtle, useful way. Perhaps, defying all the odds, Bonn has become interesting. Certainly Germany is bigger and occupies the position of a regional power, yet its once formidable Government is falling apart. The combination of these two factors — real power and uncertain strategy — makes Bonn more intriguing than it has been for years, more open to speculation and more sensitive to diplomacy.

Paradoxes stimulate and

INSIDE GERMANY



BY ROGER BOYES

there is no greater paradox than Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor. Even before German unification he tried to recast the country as a "normal" alliance partner. The world now accepts the idea of German soldiers shooting for peace and even a Germany advancing its own national interests.

The price of normality was tighter integration within Europe. What has happened to Herr Kohl's Europe? The ideal has been barely refined since the 1960s. The Continent remains dependent on a Franco-German alliance that has been drained of meaning by 30 years of peace: it is a constraining Europe that looks inwards as it expands outwards.

The loss of sensible vision, a kind of Euro-conjunctivitis, combined with a revival of national priorities — witness German stubbornness on immigration in Amsterdam, its calls for a budget rebate, its addition to Euro subsidies —

is impossible to square with France. It demands a pragmatic third. Enter Britain, which takes over the European presidency in the first half of 1998.

The sudden need for a third partner partly explains the rebirth of British diplomacy as well as the market rumour about Britain brokering a delay in the euro. But the fact is that Germany has become hungry for strategic ideas, clues to a future which does not have to make reference to French fears of an assertive Germany.

That is what appeals to Bonn about a *Demos* paper by Robert Cooper. Formerly head of the policy planning staff at the Foreign Office, Mr Cooper is Minister at the Bonn embassy. His paper *The Post-Modern State and the World Order* has injected some breadth and some life in the stagnant debates of German foreign policy experts.

Mr Cooper says: "There have been three successive sets of alternatives in world politics: between chaos and empire; then, after the Treaty of Westphalia in 1648, between empire and nationalism. In 1899 the watershed brought by German unity, which forced a rethink of traditional balancing mechanisms, the choice is between nationalism and integration. Pre-modern societies (Somalia, Afghanistan, chunks of the former Soviet

Union) live on the edge of chaos.

Once imperial rulers have been replaced by modern, free-market, multi-core and they are left to stew. Modern states seek to preserve order through the class balance of power. Meanwhile the post-modern states — where internationalist cooperation breaks down barriers between states — is shaping the world order.

This handy triad offers the way for new thinking about a new world. A new modern policy, one example, can rise to a greater level of moral factors. Robert Cooper seems to be adopting this idea as his own.

Where does this leave Herr Kohl's European blueprint? Distinctly suspect, but pleasant that it has hung on so long. "The dream is that the world will be a peaceful place," says Mr Cooper. "The rest of the assumption that all states are fundamentally good and that the only way to tame the anarchy of nations is to impose order on them."

German Europe in its current design is hopelessly out of date.

□ Bonn: A German government spokesman yesterday denied newspaper reports that Herr Kohl was about to drop The Waigel, his Finance Minister, and sources in Herr Kohl's party said he would choose his own time for a reshuffle. (Reuters)



Annalisa Minetti, Miss Lombardy, with her mother, Filomena, after she won a chance to compete in the final of the Miss Italy beauty contest

Miss Italy favourite is blind blonde

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THE once brutal and old-fashioned Miss Italy beauty contest, which last year caused controversy when a mixed-race contestant unexpectedly won, yesterday fell the headlines again when it emerged that this year's finalists include a blind girl, a Gypsy who once begged on the streets, a married woman with a baby daughter and two sets of identical twins.

The growing favourite to win the contest, which takes place on September 6 in the northern spa town of Salsomaggiore near Parma, is Annalisa Minetti, 20, from Milan, signorina Minetti is blind, but had taken part in several beauty contests without anyone in the audience realising she was blind.

After winning her place in the Miss Italy final by becoming Miss Lombardy at the weekend, signorina Minetti revealed both her disability, and her secret weapon: her boyfriend Paolo, who directs her steps on stage through a radio transmitter hidden in her ear. "He tells me go right here, go left there, watch out for the steps," she said.

Last year's contest was won by Denny Mendez, a 19-year-old from the Dominican Republic whose mother had married an Italian and acquired Italian citizenship. Under new rules contestants must now have at least one "native born" parent.

Italians rally to defend town with Disraeli links

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

JEWISH groups have joined forces with environmentalists to campaign against the planned redevelopment of the dilapidated Jewish quarter at Cento, northern Italy, where Benjamin Disraeli's grandfather was born.

The campaigners said they had appealed to the Prince of Wales to intervene, "because of his interest in Italy and architecture". Klaus Davi, who runs the Milan advertising agency that is leading the campaign, said: "We know that Prince Charles is concerned about the way we treat our historic town centres."

The campaigners claim that the Jewish quarter has been sold to developers who intend to turn historic dwellings into flats, offices and garages "of unsuitable character" that will destroy "memory and identity". The former house of the local rabbi is included in the developers' plans.

Advertisements in Italian magazines claim that the developers "are succeeding where Goebbels failed" and are "selling memories by the square metre". According to one advertisement: "Fifty years after the Holocaust, Jews are threatened not by the gas chambers and concentration camps but by market forces. The most beautiful ghettos of Italy are disappearing."

Cento, a town of 30,000 near



Disraeli: "climbed to the top of the greasy pole"

Ferrara, is best known as the birthplace of the 17th-century painter of the Bolognese school known as Guercino da Cento ("the squinter of Cento"). But it is also the birthplace of Disraeli's grandfather, also Benjamin, who spelt his surname D'Israeli. He left Cento in 1748 for London, where he became a successful businessman and Stock Exchange member.

Benjamin Disraeli, who became Britain's Prime Minister for the first time in 1868, was born in 1804, the second child of Benjamin D'Israeli's eldest son, Isaac, who fell out with his local synagogue in 1813 and had his children baptised as Christians. Since Jews were excluded from Parliament until 1858, biographers regard this as crucial to Disraeli's subsequent rise to what he called "the top of the greasy pole".

La Stampa said the small Jewish quarter, a few streets in the heart of Cento, was in a dilapidated state and had been sold for redevelopment. Paolo Fava, the mayor, said he was "amazed at all the fuss and uproar", adding: "The plans have been properly scrutinised and approved by the Superintendent for Architecture in Ravenna and by the Ministry of Culture in Rome."

But Signor Davi said that, although the plans had been officially approved, the ghetto would be ruined. "We will see houses which belonged to rabbis, old Jewish shops and even places of worship transformed into parking lots, luxury flats, studios and offices," he said. The site has been valued at £6 million.

Andrea Tonus, an architect acting for Lega Ambiente, the leading environmental group, said the development was "pure building speculation. They are going to knock down arches of inestimable value just to allow lorries to have access to the site, and pull up old flooring, wrought-iron balconies and stucco work — centuries of history."

WORLD SUMMARY

Stronghold attacked in Cambodia

Phnom Penh: The Cambodian border town of Osmach, the last stronghold of troops loyal to Cambodia's ousted First Prime Minister, Prince Norodom Ranariddh, looked likely to fall to government forces (Caroline Gluck writes). Thai officials said royalist troops were forced back towards the Thai border after forces loyal to Cambodia's strongman, Hun Sen, advanced with heavy artillery.

Algeria toll rises

Paris: Suspected Muslim rebels killed 30 civilians in two Algerian villages, the Algerian press reported. Two bomb blasts on a train on Saturday killed eight others and wounded 22. (Reuters)

Driving test

Athens: Greek police began a tough new tactic to combat the death toll on roads at weekends — confiscating cars of drunken drivers on the spot. The action was suggested by a magistrate last week.

Aegean sinking

Athens: Seven people were reported missing in the eastern Aegean Sea after their yacht caught fire and sank near the island of Lesbos on Saturday. They include two young children.

Festival marred

Ankara: Forty-eight people were injured when a crowded platform at Darica, 30 miles east of Istanbul, collapsed during a boys' circumcision celebration, the Anatolia news agency reported. (AP)

Minefield peril

Athens: Two Greek soldiers were killed in a minefield close to Greece's border with Turkey and Bulgaria, military authorities said. The soldiers had gone to investigate noises while on patrol. (AFP)

Torture inquiry reopened

BY RICHARD OWEN

IN VIEW of "new evidence", Beniamino Andreotta, the Italian Defence Minister, yesterday ordered the reopening of the inquiry into allegations of torture by Italian troops while they were stationed in Somalia.

The allegations first came to light earlier this year in *Panorama*, the weekly news magazine, which published photographs that it said showed Italian troops torturing and raping Somali civilians during the UN peace-keeping operation in the country four years ago. Two official investigations, one by

the Defence Ministry and one by a joint civil-military commission, both concluded that torture incidents had been "isolated".

But the issue continues to haunt Italy and fresh allegations have been brought by Francesco Alois, a former sergeant-major in the Tuscania paratroop regiment, who kept a diary during his service in Somalia. He says incidents of torture were far more widespread than has been revealed, and accuses the authorities of a cover-up.

Signor Alois claims that General Bruno Lot, the Italian commanding officer in Somalia, was aware of the

misconduct. He also suggests that Ilaria Alpi, an Italian woman journalist who was murdered in Somalia in March 1993, may have been killed because she had stumbled on proof of torture and other misconduct.

The Defence Ministry strongly denies any military involvement in her death, but her murder has become a *cause célèbre* and her parents want a full inquiry.

□ Mogadishu: At least 17 people were killed in clan fighting in southern Somalia and the self-declared Somaliland republic in the north of the country, residents said yesterday. (Reuters)

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Moi threatens to deal with foreign 'spies'

By SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

PRESIDENT MOI of Kenya toured scenes of violence on the coast which has left at least 42 dead.

His weekend visit met with a lukewarm reception from the Kikuyus, who have been the main victims of the slaughter in the past few days, after a fortnight of "ethnic cleansing" of opposition tribesmen.

Shying away from any explanation for the violence, Mr Moi appealed to foreign investors and tourists to visit Kenya, which has been rocked by months of violent protest in the run-up to elections later this year.

"Kenya is for all Kenyans. You have the right to live where you want. No one has the right to push you off your land," Mr Moi told about 1,500 displaced people sheltering at a church compound, where two were killed and a policeman wounded by machete-wielding killers last Thursday.

An armed group raided the Likoni police station two weeks ago, killing six officers and stealing 40 powerful automatic rifles. Since then the sleepy peace of Kenya's coast has been shattered by attacks on "up-country" settlers in the area, mainly Opposition-supporting Kikuyus running beach hotels and small businesses.

The chaos which has engulfed Mombasa and other coastal resorts is a typical brew of Kenyan politics in which the Government is suspected of exploiting tribal rivalries to drive opposition supporters into their home

areas, leaving only supporters of the Kenya African National Union (KANU) in important constituencies.

From Malindi, 90 miles north of Mombasa, to the tourist havens as far south as Musambweni, people have been slaughtered with bows and arrows and bullets. They have been burnt out of their homes while police have fought pitched battles with groups of up to 500 men.

Mr Moi claims that leading opposition figures, many of whom have been arrested, and "foreigners" are behind the chaos which could ruin Kenya's already weakened tourist industry, the nation's biggest employer.

"These people and foreigners have been coming into the country to cause chaos. We know them by name and will take action... Some foreigners have also come posing as businessmen, but they are spies and we will deal with them," Mr Moi said.

The origin of the violence lies in the bulldozed Kwale forest, groves that have been sacred to the Mijikenda tribal group for centuries, which were flattened to make way for tourist developments for the benefit of Mr Moi's KANU stalwarts.

Mr Moi's tribe, the Kalenjin, also come from Kenya's interior, but the land-grabbing by his supporters has focused hatred on any up-country settler, especially Kikuyus.

Worst hit by land-grabbers have been Waa and Diani. An ancient mosque is also under

threat from developers who "grabbed" land which, like the Kwale forest, had been gazetted as a national monument.

The tighter fiscal controls imposed by the International Monetary Fund made it difficult for corrupt KANU grandees to plunder the Treasury. So President Moi and his cronies in State House turned to land-grabbing as an alternative source of personal enrichment.

Most of Kenya's land is owned by the Government, including all national parks, school grounds, forests and monuments. The grab is simple. A pro-Moi activist is rewarded for his work with a presidential decree handing him the deeds to former government property. This has included large areas that are already inhabited.



Children shelter with their belongings in the Catholic church in Likoni after being driven out of their homes in the recent violence

Plea for calm after Kaunda is fired on

By SAM KILEY

OPPOSITION groups appealed for calm among supporters after Kenneth Kaunda, the former President, and another anti-government campaigner were shot by police breaking up a rally.

Yesterday a senior diplomat in Lusaka, the capital, said that there was a "frightening air of tension" in the city.

The teargas and bullets used against Dr Kaunda on Saturday could mean the end of what has been seen as a textbook for democracy in Britain's former African colonies.

Dr Kaunda, 73, who was grazed by a police bullet, is still venerated by most Zambians as the man who peacefully stepped aside after losing elections in 1991 to Frederick Chiluba. His often misguided blend of Christianity, socialism and "African values" turned the former Northern Rhodesia into a beggar among nations until he bowed to internal and external pressure to allow political pluralism.

On Saturday, 21 of his supporters were arrested and Roger Chongwe, leader of the Liberal Progressive Front, was shot in the neck in Kabwe, 90 miles north of the capital, in the most violent



Kaunda: barred from standing for presidency

crackdown against opposition leaders since the elections.

Dr Kaunda was often the target of unsuccessful South African military missions into Zambia, where he provided a home for the African National Congress during apartheid.

The shooting of the former President came ten days after rioting in Lusaka when street vendors resisted a police crackdown on illegal trading.

Last year President Chiluba, Dr Kaunda's successor, amended the Constitution to exclude anyone who was not born of Zambian parents from running for the office. The move came after Dr Kaunda's return to politics.

The former President, who is of Malawian parentage, immediately called for a national civil disobedience campaign to force the Government to repeal the constitutional amendment. The campaign was similar to the one demanding independence from Britain that he launched with the Northern Rhodesia African National Congress in 1949.

London witness for Stompie hearing

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

THE key witness who was to have given evidence in the Winnie Mandela "Stompie" trial in 1991 will return to South Africa from Britain soon to appear before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, when he will give evidence about the alleged involvement of President Mandela's former wife in human rights abuses.

A former member of Mrs Mandela's notorious Mandela United Football Club, Kaitza Cebekulu disappeared just before the trial started. He went to Lusaka and then surfaced in London where he has since been under the protection of Emma Nicholson, the former Liberal Democrat MP. He is said to have intimate knowledge of the murder of Stompie Moeketsi Sepedi, a youth activist and other youths allegedly were caught on the orders of Mrs Mandela.

The news could not have come at a worse time for Mrs Mandela, who has been subpoenaed to appear before a commission hearing at which she will be questioned about her former vigilante group and her alleged links to the disappearance of other youth activists in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Besides the legal implications, the possible fallout threatens to spoil Mrs Mandela's attempts to revive her political fortunes in the wake of her recent re-election as leader of the ANC's Women's League and reported attempts to secure the post of ANC deputy president at the party's conference this year.

Although Mr Cebekulu's evidence was never heard, Mrs Mandela was found guilty in March 1991 of kidnapping Stompie and three other youths: on appeal, she was ordered to pay a fine.

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Teamsters link in Democrat fund scandal

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE Justice Department was last night investigating whether Democratic Party officials improperly directed contributions to an American union in return for donations to President Clinton's re-election campaign.

The latest embarrassment for the White House came after the Government on Friday threw out last year's re-election of Ron Carey as president of the Teamsters, the union with a membership of 1.4 million, and ordered a new vote. A federal investigation found that a "complex network of schemes" was used to finance illegally his narrow victory over James Hoffa, son of the legendary union leader, Jimmy Hoffa, in a secret ballot last November.

A new election will once again pit Mr Hoffa against

Mr Carey and is certain to tarnish the American labour movement, which only last week was basking in the successful outcome of the Teamsters strike against United Parcel Service, the country's biggest package carrier.

In political terms, the latest revelations are potentially highly damaging for both the Democratic Party and the White House. They come amid continuing hearings by the Clinton-Gore campaign, and the dual controversies of Whitewater and the trial next May of the Paula Jones sexual harassment suit against the President.

Documents being examined by the Justice Department show that officials at the Democratic National Committee (DNC) discussed rais-

ing substantial sums for Mr Carey's re-election last year. A grand jury in Manhattan indicted two union consultants earlier this month who had also worked for the Democrats, claiming they had diverted union funds to the Carey campaign.

But now the inquiry is examining whether there was a quid pro quo by which the union was in turn required to make large contributions to the Clinton campaign.

The Teamsters were among the biggest donors to the Democratic Party last year and Mr Carey was involved in an extremely tight race and in need of funding.

"The union was supposed to make certain political contributions in exchange for contributions to the Carey campaign," said Barbara Quindel,

the election overseer, in her demand for a new contest with Mr Hoffa.

A memorandum last year from Richard Sullivan, the party's former finance chairman, asked Martin Davis, a Washington political consultant, to steer about \$1 million (£625,000) in Teamsters' donations to several state and local Democratic Party affiliates. A separate note from Mr Davis

to William Hamilton, the union's former political director, linked the donations to unspecified "commitments".

Mr Sullivan's notes refer repeatedly to Mr Carey, mention \$50,000, a lunch meeting and the Teamsters' efforts in promoting the Democratic message. Both Newt Gingrich, the Republican House Speaker, and Mr Hoffa yesterday called for the appointment

of an independent prosecutor to investigate the plans which, according to the DNC, were never implemented.

An attorney for Mr Sullivan confirmed that his client was approached about a plan to use the committee to raise money for Mr Carey, but "as far as Richard Sullivan knows, it was never carried out".

Mr Hoffa said he would

take the case to the gates of the White House. "The Teamsters appear to have become a kind of annex to the Democratic Party. We should be independent. Something should be done about this," he said.

He was staggered that Mr Carey claimed he had no knowledge of cheques written on his behalf or had not known until last week that his campaign manager, Jerry

Nash, was simultaneously working for the Clinton-Gore campaign. Federal Election Commission records show the Teamsters donated \$2.9 million to individual Democratic campaigns for last year's elections. Last year Mr Carey was first elected president in 1994. The Teamsters traditionally contribute to Republicans in presidential elections.



President and Hillary Clinton yesterday at Mad Martha's Ice Cream Shop in Edgartown on Martha's Vineyard, where they are on holiday

Iraqis hint at renewal of relations with Syria

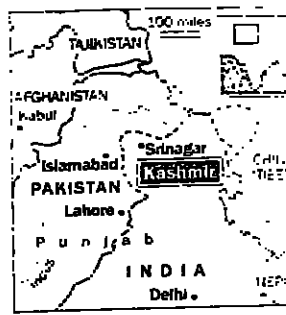
FROM MICHAEL THEODOROU IN NICOSIA

IRAQ's most influential newspaper has called for a resumption of diplomatic ties with Syria to confront growing military co-operation between Israel and Turkey, the two strongest non-Arab powers in the Middle East.

Reconciliation between Baghdad and Damascus could revive the Arabs dormant eastern front, spelling a major new realignment in the region certain to be viewed as a challenge by Israel and America.

Babel newspaper, owned by President Saddam Hussein's eldest son, Uday, said a renewal of ties would be a useful action to all Arabs and counter the Israel-Turkey alliance. It follows a call by Babel for the normalisation of ties with Iraq's former Gulf enemy, Iran, a long-standing ally of Syria, to form a front against imperialists and "Zionists".

Syria has been keen to sell Iraq goods under its oil-for-food deal with the United Nations and their long-sealed joint border was reopened in June to businessmen. However, despite a growing détente between Iraq and Syria underpinned by burgeoning trade links, most diplomats believe the personal animosity between Saddam and President Assad of Syria makes a full resumption of ties unlikely. Damascus is also loath to upset its prosperous Gulf allies, like Saudi Arabia.



Kashmir gun duel on border

Karachi: Pakistani and Indian forces exchanged heavy artillery and mortar fire along the line of control dividing Kashmir over the weekend. Several soldiers and civilians have been killed (Zahid Hussain writes).

Indian military officials said that ten Pakistani soldiers were killed in the skirmishes. Pakistani officials denied the claims and accused India of an unprovoked attack. The Defence Ministry said that three civilians, two men and a woman, were killed by Indian artillery fire in Chakothi.

Tension began increasing last week and the situation worsened on Friday when the two armies opened fire with artillery and mortars. The firing continued until yesterday.

The latest clashes are the worst since Delhi and Islamabad resumed talks in February after a lapse of three years to ease tension between them. In June, the two countries agreed to start negotiations on all the outstanding issues between them, including Kashmir.

Cook to test moral code on Asia tour

By DAVID WATTS

BRITAIN's new "moral" foreign policy gets its first working exposure to world Realpolitik when Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, leaves for a four-nation tour of South-East Asia tomorrow.

There can be few countries where it will be more closely examined than in the two former colonies of Malaysia and Singapore and one of Britain's prime customers for arms and security services, Indonesia.

The tour will be a test of both Mr Cook's statesmanship and his diplomacy in testing his policy with politicians and leaders who are just as capable as he of direct expression.

The Philippines apart, the three remaining countries are suspicious of what they see as the imposition by Western countries of their standards of human rights regardless of local conditions, often accompanied by a fair measure of hypocrisy. Mr Cook rejected in advance, when he launched the policy in July, the notion that concern for human rights is a new form of cultural imperialism. "We are not seeking to impose some peculiarly British concept, but are inviting them to observe rights which have been recognised by the whole world."

"He doesn't want to go as a preacher," said a Foreign Office spokesman. "He wants constructive engagement."

The problem for Mr Cook is

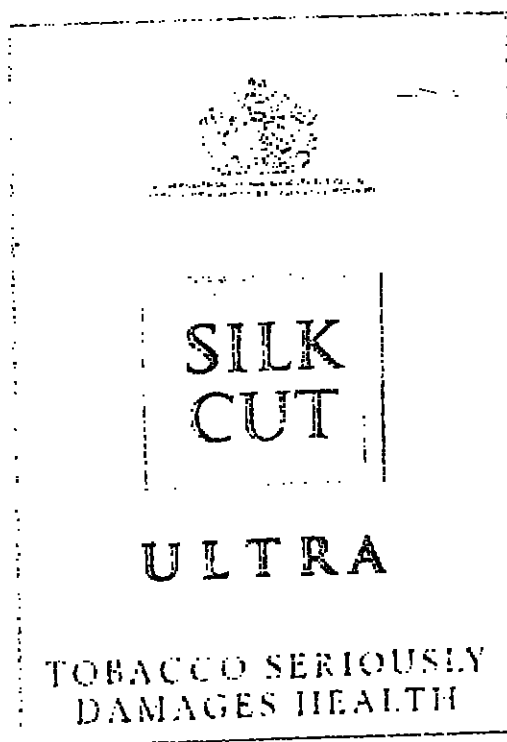
not only that he is a representative of a continent which, in Bosnia, has come close to repeating some of the genocidal horrors of Pol Pot, it is also that while European countries have much to say about election results being overridden in Burma, they ignore the same phenomenon in Algeria. At the Euro-Asian summit in Bangkok last year the Asian countries effectively eliminated discussion of human rights before the conference began.

While Mr Cook's hyperactive working tour will have the promotion of business as central plank, other important trading countries, such as the United States and Canada, have been busy de-linking trade and human rights in their foreign relations. Germany and France have little to say about human rights in Asia when they get in the way of trade, while Japan sticks to the letter of United Nations law.

Only in the Philippines will Mr Cook get a chance to relate and perhaps to have a flunk at the Manila Jockey Club after talks with President Ramos. He will wind up his tour in Singapore where his first appointment will be with the Senior Minister, Li Kuan Yew. The next day he will see the Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong, and Lu Hsien Loong, who is but Deputy Prime Minister at Mr Lee's eldest son.

FATAL DISEASES

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Catastrophe sweeps the reefs

The wasting of the world's coral reefs is baffling marine biologists, who fear new and unexpected killers are at work. Anjana Ahuja reports

Coral reefs are some of the most magical places in the underwater world. Their structures, which range from delicate filigree networks to elegant columns and forbidding spikes, play host to an impressive collection of creatures. Moray eels lurk in crevices; starfish and crabs devour the anemones; dazzling fishes hide from predators among the tentacles of living corals. Some of them are poisonous.

Now corals are under assault. They are being destroyed by pathogens that marine biologists have never seen before: some diseases are so new that they bear no names. One worrying example is rapid wasting disease, which, true to its name, can spread many inches in one day. It causes outer living tissue to die and the skeleton to crumble. Observers say it is as if someone has poured acid over the coral.

Rapid wasting disease was discovered this summer by Dr Thomas Goreau and James Cervino, founders of the Global Coral Reef Alliance, a non-profit organisation involved in the protection and management of reef systems. Already this year the disease has been spotted along a patch of water from Mexico to Trinidad, a geographical swath that stretches 2,000 miles. The tropical outbreaks are being monitored with alarm by marine scientists and conservation groups across the world.

Coral reefs are a curious mix of the living and the dead. The reef itself is built from the skeletons of dead sea animals related to sea anemones. However, living corals, called polyps, attach themselves and live on the reef, extending their tentacles at night to feast upon microscopic plants and animals. When the polyps die, their hard skeletons com-

posed of calcium carbonate, form another layer. By this slow process, the reefs expand a few centimetres each year.

The reefs are built not from soft coral but from about 1,000 species of so-called stony coral: common species include mushroom coral, brain coral and stag horn coral, all named after their appearance. The drive to preserve the reefs comes not only because of their natural beauty, but because they house hundreds of animal species. Exotic marine plants, such as sea grasses and mangroves, also bloom there. Scientists have an additional interest: corals are thought to contain potential medicines. Some anti-inflammatory drugs already contain chemicals extracted from coral.

The first signs of trouble on the reefs came about 15 years ago, when scientists noticed a whitening or "bleaching". The soft tissue in corals contains single-celled, coloured algae; the coral and algae live in symbiotic harmony, deriving nutrients from each other. "In bleaching, the coloured algae evacuate the coral, leaving it white," says Professor Gary Ostrander, an aquatic toxicologist at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland.

The mass departure could be due to the corals producing toxins which harm the algae, or the corals no longer producing sufficient nutrients. Whatever the cause, it is a serious problem, because without the algae, the coral quickly dies and crumbles away.

Professor Ostrander says: "In the Seventies we had a few reports of bleaching. In the Eighties, it began to appear in the Caribbean. In the Nineties, it's all over the Caribbean and the Indo-Pacific. Ninety per cent of the coral around the Galapagos Islands has gone. I have seen 200-year-old coral colonies bleached in a



As well as destroying structures of immense beauty, the assault on coral reefs endangers hundreds of species that live there, such as these masked butterfly fish in the Red Sea

matter of days into dead rock.

"Now we're also seeing disease processes nobody has ever seen before. We see brown fungus, green fungus, yellow fungus, bacterial infections, and I expect there are even viruses. I imagine that the organisms have always been there but, because the corals are stressed, they are only now taking hold."

Dr Garriet Smith, a marine microbiologist from the University of South Carolina, is an expert on diseases of both hard and soft corals. He has just

submitted a paper to the journal *Nature* on the pathogen which causes white plague type 2. The disease rose to prominence in 1995 after it ravaged 17 species of coral in the upper Florida Keys. "More and more diseases seem to be occurring in corals, which shows their environment is degrading," Dr Smith says.

There was a meeting in Costa Rica last month at which we tried to work out whether these were new or old diseases. We concluded they were mostly new. Scientists at

the conference identified 13 diseases; they knew the causes of only three of them. But the tally changes rapidly. Higher sea temperatures, pollution, sedimentation and changes in salinity have all been cited as possible contributing factors.

However, there has been one organism notorious for wreaking havoc on land was found to be responsible for wiping out sea fans, a soft coral, across wide areas of the Caribbean. It is almost unheard of for a terrestrial

organism to be effective in water; in this case, it crossed the land-sea barrier to deadly effect. *Aspergillus*, a fungus which flourishes in rotting vegetation, is harmless to healthy individuals but sometimes fatal to those with severely depressed immune systems. The fungus stuck to sediment which was swept into the sea, and found the sea fan provided a hospitable base on which to grow. The results have been catastrophic; many populations have simply not recovered. Dr Drew Harvell,

from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, is attempting to DNA fingerprint the *Aspergillus* pathogen, so that scientists can test for its presence.

Dr Smith, who followed the trail of *Aspergillus* from land to sea and published a *Nature* paper on it last year, does not rule out other terrestrial organisms invading the oceans. He says: "It takes a great leap of faith to say it, but we are looking at the possibility that other diseases have started this way."

Antibiotics are one option but scientists are afraid of killing off useful bacteria along with the harmful types. Another approach is to remove the affected coral in the hope of containing the organism. Some diseases, however, are spreading faster than they can be tracked. Professor Ostrander thinks human beings have a lot to answer for: "We dump so much waste into the sea that it must contain some organisms that can kill. At least if the cause is pollution, we can do something about it."

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DNA experiments □ Laser stylus □ Natural antifreeze

Human beings share 98 per cent of their genes with chimpanzees, our closest relatives among primates. So close are we that Professor Jared Diamond, of the University of California in Los Angeles, argues that we should be classified as members of the same species. "There are," he wrote in *The Rise and Fall of the Third Chimpanzee*, "not one but three species of *Homo* on the Earth today: the common chimpanzee, the pygmy chimpanzee, and man." The gorilla, he added, is only slightly more distant so has almost equal rights to be considered a fourth species of *Homo*.

Experiments at the University of Miami School of Medicine prove that he was not jesting. There, researchers have introduced gorilla and chimpanzee DNA into human cells and shown that it works, while DNA from monkeys, orang-utans and lemurs does not. The DNA they used comes from the mitochondria, the

Man apes chimpanzee

power plants of the cells, not from the nucleus. Mitochondrial DNA is passed down unchanged through the female line, so has far less chance to develop variation than nuclear DNA, which is inherited from both mother and father.

In the 1970s, researchers showed that mitochondrial DNA could be transplanted between related species of protozoa, and later the same was done with fruit flies.



SCIENCE BRIEFING
Nigel Hawkes

Dr Lesley Kenyon and Dr Carlos Moraes, of the Miami medical school, took a human cell line that had been stripped of mitochondria so that the cell could not produce fuel through respiration. They fused these cells with those of primates whose nuclei had been removed. In other words, the nuclei came from human beings, the mitochondria from primates. They report in *Proceed-*

ings of the National Academy of Sciences that cells from chimpanzee species and gorillas restored the ability of the human cells to respire. But those from orang-utans and more distant relations failed. Dr Moraes says the abrupt change in compatibility means a very small change in mitochondrial DNA is all that is needed to prevent it working with human nuclear DNA. The experiment could have implications for understanding diseases caused by faults in mitochondrial DNA. These could include epilepsy and diabetes. Finding defects in mitochondrial DNA is difficult because it is filled with mutations and it is hard to identify the changes that matter. The fact that the primate DNA, which contains even more variation, can co-operate with human nuclear DNA could help to pin down the areas that are important in such co-operation, narrowing the search for disease-causing mutations.

Beetles don't feel the cold

A POWERFUL natural antifreeze has been isolated from a beetle. *Tenebrio molitor*, which uses it to stop its larvae freezing in cold weather. Made up of four proteins, it is a hundred times more efficient than similar proteins used by fish. *Tenebrio molitor* is a source of mealworms — larvae used as food for pet birds and fish. It has been

known for 30 years that mealworms can survive at low temperatures, but no one was able to isolate the proteins responsible.

In a report in *Nature*, Dr Peter Davies and colleagues from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, say they used sensitive separation methods to establish that the protein sequence is unlike any previously known. Atas, so far there is no obvious application for the this powerful antifreeze, although the genes from Arctic char have been stitched into plants to make them more frost-resistant.

Revolution for vintage 78s

A LASER has come to the aid of badly worn 78rpm records and phonograph cylinders from the last century. Some of these are simply too worn and fragile to be played by a conventional stylus; but the laser device, developed by researchers at the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, can produce clear sound without risk of further damage to the

recordings, as the laser stylus presses down with a force only one-fortieth that of a modern tone arm, according to Opto & Laser Europe. The "needle" consists of an optical fibre, along which a beam of laser light is directed. An angle cut at the end of the fibre directs the light towards a sensor. The fibre is wider than a traditional needle, so it rides along the groove above the worn region. As the needle moves along the groove, variations of its position are sent by the laser to the detector, which turns the movements into sound.

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BULLYING

The dark shadow over childhood

A NEW school year ought to be a time of renewal and optimism. For many children, though, it offers only misery and fear — the fear of bullying. Just how much bullying goes on in schools is notoriously difficult to quantify, but a new report, *Anti-Bullying in Action*, from the department of education at Keele University, estimates that more than half of children have been bullied at some time. An unhappy 10 per cent are victims of persistent physical intimidation, leading to severe disillusionment, truancy and in extreme cases suicide.

One of the problems identified by the

report is the reluctance of pupils to discuss their troubles. Bullied children do not know whom they can trust. Discussing with a teacher what has been happening to them can be tantamount to a confession of failure. There is, too, the fear of reprisal.

Parents who urge their children to fight back, the report says, fail to understand that the bullied child is a child stripped of confidence.

As Peter Miller, president of the Secondary Heads Association, says: "Bullying creates terrible suffering. I am encouraged, though, that the days when

bullying was inevitable are gone. But we must never be complacent."

The charity Kidscape, with the help of a £43,000 lottery grant, is researching the long-term effects. "We have received well over 2,000 calls from people who say they have suffered long-term effects from being bullied," they report. "Victims tell us that as adults they lack self-esteem, have difficulty trusting, feel depressed and sometimes find themselves being bullied at work or in relationships."

In the first of a two-part series, two victims and a bully relate their experiences.

In common with many other victims of bullying, 12-year-old Hayley Dempsey suffered grievously not only at the hands of thuggish young tormentors, but also from the prolonged unwillingness of adults in authority to come to her aid.

Hayley, a slight and gentle child, was marked out several years ago for harassment and abuse by a group of children living on the same housing estate in South London.

Over a three-year period, beginning in August 1993 when Hayley was only eight, four children from a family living above the Dempseys' ground-floor flat targeted the little girl, abusing her, spitting on her, surrounding and taunting her, and at one point holding her down to kick and punch her.

While most bullying behaviour originates at school, community bullying is now widespread too. The national children's charity Childline reports that 15 per cent of children who called to report bullying in 1996 said they were harassed near their own homes, compared with 9 per cent in 1990.

In Hayley's case, the bullies attended the same local primary school and also picked on her there.

Her mother, Siobhan Dempsey, a single parent, claims that despite repeated appeals to the police, social

services, Hayley's school and the local council which ran the housing estate, nobody could or would take action to protect the little girl.

"The police said the bullies were too young to be prosecuted, the council repeatedly refused to rehouse us or take action against the family causing the problem, and social services even accused me of abusing Hayley, until medical reports proved otherwise."

By September 1995, Hayley's weight had dropped to only 3 stone, and she had changed from being a bright and cheerful child into one who was deeply withdrawn and fearful, suffering from nightmares and severe depression.

One day while she and her mother were visiting a friend, Hayley tried to throw herself from a third-floor window. She was saved only by the friend's fast reaction in grabbing her.

The family's nightmare eventually ended 12 months ago when the council finally agreed to rehouse them, a few weeks after being contacted by a local newspaper, and Hayley moved to a new school.

"The refusal of the council to do anything for three years made a very bad situation

even worse," Mrs Dempsey says.

"Hayley felt terrible. She felt like she was being victimised further, on top of the bullying. The way we were being treated made her even more depressed and anxious."

Watching her mother struggle for recognition of their plight and for assistance, however, sparked a strong desire in the little girl to make contact with and help other victims.

"After about 18 months, Hayley started saying to me: 'Mum, what about all the other ones like me who are out there?' I was only interested in protecting my own family, but Hayley, even during the worst times, was concerned for others, too."

"After about a year of this, I started to pay attention to what she was saying. Hayley and I started to research the problem of community bullying in depth."

"And after several months, I found that Hayley was quite right — there is a gap in services for victims of community bullying. So that's how we started our support group, Children Count Too." The name, as well as many of the group's aims and objectives, were suggested by Hayley.

Hayley tried to throw herself from a third-floor window

Established just over a year ago, Children Count Too has made contact with 300 families throughout the UK and has a client base of 30 families.

"All the families we help have found the same thing as us. It has to be proven that a child between the ages of 10 and 14 is aware that he or she was committing a crime, and the police often use that as an excuse not to take any action, arguing that it's just too difficult to prove criminal intent."

Rebecca Rejtman, a lawyer who works for the Children's Legal Centre, a national charity in Essex, supports Mrs Dempsey's claims. "All the evidence suggests that the authorities are certainly not taking this problem as seriously as they should," Ms Rejtman says. "Parents don't know where to turn, but if more parents start going to the police and demanding action, it may help to change attitudes."

● The Children's Legal Centre has a free information pack for parents called *Bullying: A Guide to the Law*. For more information, call 01206 873820. Children Count Too can be contacted on 0181-355 6140.

● BBC Education's *Bully* series starts tomorrow and will be continued on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday on BBC2. A free-phone helpline will be in operation while the series is on air. 0800 888809.

SUE CORRIGAN



For three years, four children abused Hayley, spat on her and at one point held her down to kick and punch her

THE VICTIM: RANULPH FIENNES

My school memories are dimmed by the passing of more than three decades. My first three schools, all in South Africa, included the Little People's School kindergarten where a lad called Alan Reid used to thrash me and the other four-year-olds with sticks during playtime.

At Fortes School near Cape Town, when I was six, one Lionel Gertz led a gang who specialised in twisting your arm until you cried for mercy down in the scrub behind the school pavilion. I asked my mother to invite Gertz home for sticky buns to gain Brownie points. This worked well but only for a short period.

The fact that almost the only names of other children from those days that I can now recall are the bullies suggests that their mini reigns of terror made lasting impressions.

Over the next five years I was lucky and avoided bullies but, back in England aged 12 and small for my age, I was sent to Eton and my troubles really began. This was not Eton's fault. I believe I would have run the same gauntlet or worse at any other male-only boarding school.

Boys were bullied for countless reasons. Their noses were bulbous, their hair ginger, their accents different from everyone else, their voices squeaky or, as in my case, they were pretty to look at and were therefore subjected to sexual innuendo. The exception to the rule "thou shalt bully those who do not conform" was simple. Boys, who by instinct or upbringing knew how to retaliate, how to give back as good or better than they received, were soon left alone.

Ninety-nine per cent of the bullying at Eton constituted verbal abuse. As the Old Etonian author David Benedictus once wrote: "The boys at Eton looked for weak spots and when they found them they applied the dentist's drill."

I recall no case of bullying by the school authorities. I was beaten five times by successive house head prefects for various misdemeanours. Bamboo canes were wielded with skill



Ranulph Fiennes: Eton boy

and power, raising livid weals. The prefects in my house included the recent ministers Jonathan Aitken, George Young and Douglas Hogg; also an SAS commanding officer who was, surprisingly, the least effective with the cane. Such corporal punishment was well-deserved and, in my opinion, effective.

I have no grudges against Eton as an educational establishment but its bullies were as accomplished as any in the land and I suffered three long years of misery as a result. No subsequent experience in my life has ever come near to approaching the utter wretchedness of those years. Even though no physical bullying was ever involved, my problem was that I looked attractive and that I minded the resulting taunts, the shouting in queues, the catcalls from the windows of the 25 school houses that crowd the centre of Eton, and the recurring cut of cruel gibes whenever I attempted to make friends.

Aged 13, I seriously considered suicide. The very thought of escape from the stares, the sneers and the sniggers was a help. I would lie in bed planning death notes denouncing the worst culprits. Beyond the psychological aid of the suicide plan, I developed other tactics such as an ugly scowl, which I practised in front of my mirror to lessen the scourge of pretti-ness. I wore this scowl like a mask, as others might apply cream to hide shameful pim-

ples. Despite a long-time fear of rough sports, I decided to take up boxing. In two years I made the school team, acquired chipped teeth and a broken nose and my troubles eased off. My self-confidence by then had reached an all-time low and I was never again comfortable in static social situations where people sit and banter. Ski holidays in groups where there is plenty of action are bearable but not house parties or pub gossiping. Even now, some 35 years later, I am too over-sensitive to harmless teasing. Without reason, the old feeling of persecution can return uninvited like the force of sudden vertigo.

Ten years ago I wrote a study of bullying through the ages for a magazine and came away with the impression that no amount of counselling will help the victims. Bertrand Russell advised the creation of schools where pupils were free from traditional disciplines and character-cramping invigilation. This, he believed, would enable inherent human decency to surface. But his theories ended with bitter tales of overt tyranny by the strong over the weak at his experimental school. Nobody has yet devised a foolproof cure against bullying that does not involve the victim risking retribution if he or she tries to "sneak" to the authorities.

Prevention is the only answer and, with today's educational system, this can come only from on high. New laws must force school principals to treat bullying as a major in-house enemy, on a par with drugs, to be sought out and destroyed. Teachers of all grades must be protected by law in their anti-bullying activities to prevent them being attacked (often out of school) by vengeful bullies and their parents.

Until this happens countless young people will continue to suffer daily fear, torment and misery through what should be the best years of their lives. I wonder if Messrs Blair and Blunkett realise that it is within their power now to change all this. In two or three years' time the opportunity may have passed.

THE BULLY: JOHN HEGLEY

way. I thought I was confident, bossy even, but not this.

My sister, who was two years younger than me, used to annoy me over certain things — not being competitive enough in the games we played, not walking fast enough on the way to school, not being a boy, not giving me all her Toffies — and I would make her suffer for it. I would pinch her often and severely, and she would cry. My father would then hurt me for this hurting, but it didn't stop me. I was a bully. But why?

My parents were rarely openly affectionate, but my brother and sister had the same treatment and they didn't share my penchant for pinching and pushing. I was a keener observer than they, and so more aware of their weaknesses and failings, but I have no idea where my vindictive streak came from. Most kids exhibit some antisocial behaviour, possessiveness at the very least, that tends to be tamed over time.

There was also the boy whom I used to invite home to play, but who never reciprocated. One day I asked him why this was. He said his Dad didn't like him playing with me. Why not? "He doesn't like the way you treat your sister."

Then my best friend, the best fighter in the class (I was second), got annoyed with me and pushed me round the entire perimeter of the playground, asking me to fight him, which I didn't dare do. Everyone watched with lightly veiled delight, seeing me get a taste of my own medicine.

In my last year I was the only child not to receive any

Christmas cards in the internal postal system. I don't think I had yet realised the link between my unpopularity and my vindictive behaviour.

At my senior school, the local grammar school in Luton, my status plummeted. I felt less confident without religion and the sacredness of the nuns around me. And physically I stayed small, while others shot up around

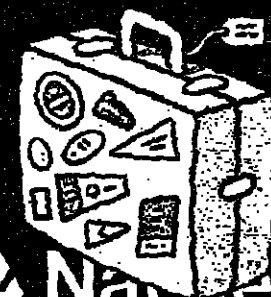
me — including some of those I had bossed and banged about in primary school. Luckily, none decided to settle old debts. I felt a grudging gratitude towards them for not hounding me on to the boys' toilet coathooks.

I don't think you can ever purge the bullying urge entirely. When I was a child, I just went with it, although I realised people didn't like me

for it. In adult life my credo is: do unto others as you would be done unto, which is still essentially selfish — one day they may actually do unto you as you have done. So what should be done with bullies? First, tell them they are bullies; with mild cases, this may be enough. Secondly, don't send them Christmas cards. If these fail, hang them on the hooks in the boys' toilets.

● *Bully*: Ha, part of the BBC2 series *Bully*, is on Thursday at 7.25pm

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TOMORROW

Is your child being bullied? The signs to look for and how you can help deal with it



One of the greatest pleasures in life is indiscriminate reading and, for me, holidays are the time to do it. For many of us, not only professional print providers but anyone with a job which involves words to be guzzled or chewed on or glared at or tapped out, indiscriminate reading is hard to come by. By the time you have got through the bump and the baggage of office there are not many hours left for that free-floating, idle selection of a book which may turn out to be the best few quiet hours of the month.

I have been rereading *Our Mutual Friend* by Charles Dickens. Rereading is important to stress, because once you know the plot of *Our Mutual Friend* then quite a lot of the surface pleasure is absent in the second reading. Know the relationship between John (1) and Julius and John (2); know the real reason for the transformation of the Boffins; know the fate of the Lammles and the Veneerings; know the end of Betty Higden and you are in for far

fewer surprises than the author intended. Yet the 900 or more pages were as compelling as I presume they were the first time I went through them.

Partly, of course, that is because there are so many details that have slithered below the ocean bed of the memory. The full description of Jenny Wren's golden hair and of Riah the devout and exemplary Jew, for example. Some of it is so forceful that to reread it is perhaps to be even more engaged. I think here particularly of the schoolmaster Bradley Headstone, whose uncontrollable and vengeful passion for Lizzie Hexham would grace Dostoevsky. The blindness of unlikely love is a theme which continues in her unshakeable attachment to the careless, almost cruel, Eugene and his eventual — after due suffering — realisation of his love for her.

In this relationship the class question is spelt out in terms Austen, although she would never have dared attempt the coupling of a waterman's daughter and a well-educated, upper-class gentleman.

All these are rediscoveries, but reading indiscriminately with no deadline at all can take you on a zigzag course through a countryside of prose which, for someone who mostly reads for a professional purpose, is a wonderful holiday in itself. Basking in a book for no ulterior reason is far and away the most pleasurable and, I would guess, the most profitable way to read, because pleasure sharpens memory and time enables enjoyment to flourish.

As in the work of all great authors, Dickens's writing opens as many gates as you have a mind to try. One thing which struck me

MELVYN BRAGG



forcibly this time round was the powerful sense of goodness with which he could endow a character. This is by no means an original observation, but it bears thinking about. Take Sloppy. He is a

gangling, wholly uneducated youth always troubled by too many buttons. He mangles for Betty Higden and is taken up by the generous Boffins. Sloppy is awkward in every particular, from his donkey laugh to his unaccommodating frame.

Yet Dickens makes us realise that Sloppy has an iron morality, an unshakeable view of right and wrong, loyalty beyond measure and, finally, a sure touch of delicate feeling when he discovers how crippled Jenny Wren the dolls' dressmaker is, and makes overtures to help her.

Who, I wonder, is writing about Sloppy today; who would think him worthwhile? He is not only part of an underclass, he is an unglamorous, unexciting part of an underclass, and yet Dickens shows us that his virtue is a prop to society and a shining character-

istic in itself. As with Betty Higden and others, Dickens draws us in so we believe, against great odds, that there is a good world somewhere whose location is not in any one class or set of circumstances but spread all around the place in the unlikelyst hovel and in the most light-leathered head.

Sometimes Dickens does drive you mad with goody goodness. When Bella Wilfer, an interestingly confused young woman, starts treating her father as a child and talks to her husband in chatter that would disgust any self-respecting baby, then it is all but unbearable. But even though she is destroyed as a character to pander to Dickens's sentimentality, she is redeemed in the greater story, shown that she can be saved from her worst nature. Turning Shakespeare on

his head, what Dickens went for is the goodness that lives on, and not the evil men do which, he maintained, dies with them.

It is not a very modern experience to spend time in a book being seared towards the better while full account is taken of the worst. And, yes, sometimes Dickens does fancy too glibly — as when he describes the mill workers coming out on a Saturday night and somehow being part of the scene of pastoral serendipity.

But he can be allowed to nod. Inside *Our Mutual Friend*, besides the plot, the stories, the Podsnaps, Mr Venus and Silas Wegg (the literary man with the wooden leg), inside that great caravan of fiction is a scroll being taken across the sands, a scroll proclaiming that only by doing good will the world be fit to live in.

It would be a bold author who would argue as much as explicitly and with all his genius today, and an even bolder author who would dare produce so many happy endings.

Where guitar heroes are the kings of rock

POP: Nigel Williamson on the world-beating form on display at this year's edition of the Reading Festival

Two ongoing sagas of a long summer season reached triumphant finales over the weekend. While 40 miles away at the Oval our home-grown cricketers were dramatically salvaging some pride in the final Test, at Reading for the last of 1997's major festivals British rock was also displaying world-beating form.

Both events proved again the fickleness of fame for just as Phil Tufnell had become cricketer's forgotten man before his heroic recall, Suede and their Ironman Brett Anderson had also been prematurely written off before bouncing back with the acclaimed album *Coming Up*. On Friday both men were irresistible and you wondered why anyone had ever doubted them.

While the neglected spinner was destroying the Australian batting, Anderson was strutting his stage with a swaggering confidence, rhin and gaunt at the end of an exhausting world tour but every inch the star. High-energy hits such as *Animal Nitrate* and *So Young* were mixed with potent ballads and new songs and the crowd adored him. While Tufnell's reward will now be a trip to the West Indies, Suede could this week top their comeback year with the Mercury music prize.

Elsewhere the bill showed a strength in depth that England's batting line-up would envy. Particularly impressive in the middle order were James, overcoming jet lag and a neck injury to singer Tim Bouth to play a driving set of melodic songs, and Liverpool's current fab four Cast, whose classic guitar-laden pop may lack variety but is highly effective.

Saturday was made memorable by the Manic Street Preachers, a band in their

second innings who are currently playing better than ever. The story of the still unsolved disappearance more than two years ago of Richey Edwards, the group's enigmatic figurehead, is well-known and for a while they benefited from a sympathy vote. Fronted by James Dean Bradfield, they have since re-emerged to stand on their own feet magnificently without him and mini-epics such as *Design*

6 Here the dance music takeover was for once checked

For *Life* filled the arena with effortless ease and power. A fine new song, *Ready For Drowning*, suggested their best may even still be to come.

For bands on the smaller stages it became *de rigueur* to end by declaring "See you on the main stage next year". Most, of course, won't make it but there were several who suggested they will be strong candidates for promotion. Silver Sun have spent a lot of time perfecting old Beach Boys harmonies, which allied to some intelligent songs and an attacking delivery puts them near the top of the second division. Travis, too, have what it takes and the opening slot on the forthcoming Oasis tour will do them no harm. Indeed, at times we seemed to be witnessing a new sub-genre known as Noelrock, so strong

is the influence of the Oasis songwriter on bands like Hurricane #1 and Embrace.

Super Furry Animals, stablemates of Oasis at Creation Records, were full of idiosyncratic Welsh humour, steeped in psychedelia of the Syd Barrett school. Heaven knows what they put in the water down there but the Cardiff-based Gorky's Zygotie Myci were even weirder, a strong sense of melody and harmony combined with a whimsy scarcely heard since the days of the Incredible String Band.

Reading has always been a guitar-fest and so here the dance music takeover was for once checked. The few acts that did make it on to the bill, such as Apollo 440 and Asian Dub Foundation, were given graveyard shifts and struggled to lift the early afternoon torpor. The Orb were the exception with a prime slot as night fell and stormclouds threatened. It should have been the perfect backdrop for their swirling, ambient techno soundscapes but in front of a crowd waiting for the Manics' guitar-led pop drama, they nearly blew it. Eventually they won the audience back with some storming big beats but answered few of the basic questions about electronic music: is it rock'n'roll and is there anybody there? From where I stood all that was visible were shadows flitting through the dry ice behind a bank of machinery inside the pyramid which forms the centrepiece of their show.

It was an interesting diversion which added welcome variety to the bill, but Suede and the Manic Street Preachers showed that the Reading stage will always belong primarily to testosterone-driven guitar heroes and iconic rock'n'roll singers. And that, after all, is how it should be.



Better than ever: James Dean Bradfield fronts the Manic Street Preachers in their Reading Festival gig on Saturday

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL: A Chinese puzzle and the new Caryl Churchill

Gender bending at the palace

Even in the official festival, Edinburgh is full of outsiders, and in East Palace, West Palace, Zhang Yuan's two-handed dissection of gay love in a Chinese park, no one is left out in the cold more than the gender-bending writer-figure and the cop who comes across him in a toilet.

The two palaces of the title are in fact twin public conveniences, built either side of a police station, and are popular coiting resorts for the local community. What ensues is a series of power games between the pair worthy of Pinter, as the writer fictionalises his life to the extent of revealing a romanticised truth, and the cop lowers his macho guard to let his own sexuality come tumbling out behind the braces and buttons.

Performed (at the Gateway) in Mandarin, with slices of Chinese opera, it is all very much an I-love-a-man-in-uniform scenario, with the painstakingly paced momentum crossing the political divide.

To be an outlaw in Beijing is to be kept in the water closet. To be a writer in Britain, on the other hand, is a different kind of fish entirely. Not that Out of Joint, the company formed by former Joint Stock, Royal Court and Traverse



Valerie Lilley, Jason Watkins, Mary Macleod in *Blue Kettle*

man Max Stafford Clark, seems to have any problems crossing the divide, even with work as playfully and some may say wilfully difficult as Caryl Churchill's title, *Blue Heart* (at the Traverse). Twin tiers of plays which could be very boring indeed, they both dig in to rip aside aspects of communication with a knowingly clever nod to today's splintered state.

Heart's Desire is a domestic farce which sees a pukka old-aged couple availing their daughter's return from Australia. All very simple, and very, very dull, except that

Churchill deconstructs the whole affair in spades, peeling things back to the start to begin again, and takes such audaciously tangential byways as to knock the whole thing off its pompous feet and render it hilarious. There are flashes of genius on offer here, with a wild selection of visitors invading the domestic hearthland, while Churchill's lyrical flights of fancy expose an assortment of truths.

The second play, *Blue Kettle*, is even wilder. Again, a simple plot sees a common soap-scaper a host of women of a certain age into believing they

gave him up at birth, allowing him to exploit their "fragile emotions for his own monetary ends."

Easy-peasy, though, this isn't, as the words "blue" and "kettle" are substituted more and more for common-or-garden dialogue, so that by the end even words have broken down to reveal a fractured language exclusive to the serial mummy's boy and his victims.

It is all very clever, attempting to address these times of flux via linguistic flourishes, but Churchill seems to be addressing no one but herself, with her meticulously crafted mind games being too exclusive to let ordinary folk in.

While subversion is to be encouraged in these days of lip-service conformity, for form's sake simply won't do any more, and, beautifully acted as both plays are, this appears to be the sight and sounds of former glory boys missing the mark entirely.

No one would be indulged in this way if they didn't have Out of Joint's collective track record. Perhaps it is time for the company to take stock, for much of the Fringe is leaving them reeling.

NEIL COOPER

Sinai'sky is a conductor who visibly communicates an infectious pleasure in making music with an orchestra, as he had in a pungent account of *En Saga* by Sibelius to begin the programme.

The Russian pianist Ilya Itin, last year's first prizewinner in the Leeds International competition, was a relatively modest soloist in Grieg's *Piano Concerto*, anxious to display its lyricism more than its keyboard technique.

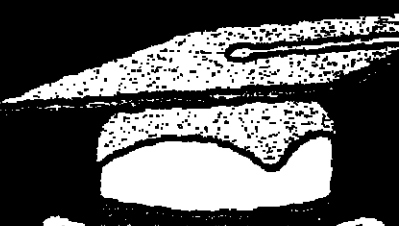
On the previous night in the Albert Hall Amanda Roocroft was a creamy-toned soloist with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under their music director Daniele Gatti in dramatic concert arias by Beethoven and Mozart. The former's *Ah! perfido* found the soprano unduly taxed by the vivid incisiveness of the vocal writing and the voice turned ready under the pressure of threatening vengeance after the initial accusations of angry betrayal, sustained by a vehement orchestra.

Moving from a forceful C major into a gentler E flat as she pleaded for compassion, the singer was at her most beguiling, as she was again in much of Mozart's *Ch'io mi scordi di te?* after the interval. Here she was joined by Malcolm Martineau to play the important keyboard obbligato that Mozart wrote for himself originally, which surrounds the voice with the decorative embellishment in the slow section and most tellingly in the bravura rondo finale.

Gatti began the programme with a benign if not very penetrating approach to Schubert's *B minor Symphony*, the "Unfinished", dispensing the two movements with sensitive feeling for the music's lyrical element and generating baleful interjections in the opening movement. He gave significant character to the lesser phrases and, in a sometimes plodding account of the following *Andante con moto* he pointed up the music's incipient drama. After the Mozart aria, by which time the orchestra players had shed their white jackets for shirt-sleeves in the prevailing humidity, Gatti fastened on Hindemith's *Mahlis der Mahler Symphony* with an intelligent grasp of its colourful nature.

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Triumph against the odds

Sometimes it happens. The quaintly named Scouting Owl Stage Company was formed only last year, the play is Rodney Clark's second but several years have passed since his first appeared, and Ezra Hjalmarsson's previous work as director appears chiefly to have been as assistant to others. Yet behold! The work they and their cast of six offer us stuzzles with quality, keeping us engrossed by its unpredictable twists and the fine quirks of its characters.

The play is set in East Africa, which is unfamiliar for a start. But this is the British Mandated Territory of Tanganyika in the late 1930s, and so the time is also unfamiliar. The upcountry valley of sisal plantations, where even telephones are rare, has been settled by German

My Native Land

colonists, many of whom still own estates, and their presence is considered dangerous as the Second World War approaches.

Michael is a rough and awkward young chap, probably educated in the school of life, manager not owner of an estate, and hard-working captain of the local cricket team. Looking for a replacement scorer, he meets Poppy, the confident and well-educated Indian teacher whose father is one of the wealthiest men in the territory but from whom, since she admires Gandhi, her aspirations differ.

The play shows their love affair growing and straining as racial conflicts, religious differences and finally the war complicate their world. Robert Pike and Asha Kahlion give the uneasy beginning of their friendship an endearing sense of truth, his body language registering the confusion brought on when assumptions are knocked askew, hers revealing a different set of assumptions that must also be tested and thrown out.

Clark's writing strengths include, along with a splendid feel for period detail, a constructive skill that never quite lets us forget a significant theme or character when the focus moves elsewhere. Two crises ravage the love affair: Poppy encourages Juma (Farinang, Singate), one of Michael's employees, to leave for Dar es Salaam, where he goes treasonably to the bad. Her attempts to save his life, fatally entwined with her inability to tell her parents about her own, come unstuck when Michael visits her father (Rashid Karapic, suave, entrepreneurial).

Clark plays this scene simultaneously with Michael's subsequent row with her, in which eventually he overturns the furniture while her father, in another timescale, blithely talks about cricket. The scene reveals theatrical maturity, alarming and absurd at the same time.

Staged by Hjalmarsson with an admirable feeling for tension on Nigel Hook's economically furnished set, and containing cameo appearances by Arthur Bosman and two sharply contrasted comedians, one endearing, ridiculous, the play's achievement in binding homelessness, patriotism and general and particular love makes an absorbing evening.

JEREMY KINGSTON



Right to keep us guessing: Simon Russell Beale as Iago in Sam Mendes's "deft and intelligent production" of *Othello*, which opens at the National Theatre next month

Shakespeare in a salt factory

Benedict Nightingale reports from the Salzburg Festival on the opening of the National Theatre's new production of *Othello*

Simon Russell Beale's Iago and David Harewood's Othello looked pretty unequal. After all, Beale is accomplished, a British actor as any under 40 and Harewood a not-hugely-experienced replacement for Adrian Lester, who was lured away from the production by the movie-makers. But when this towering Moor playfully slapped his Ancient's stomach, or fiddled casually with the buttons of Iago's uniform, I did not feel that their weird, destructive rapport was being artificially signalled. Truth, nor semaphoric characters, a bond to which each of the two actors contributes plenty.

What motivates Iago's demolition of Othello? It is a crucial truism that none of his excuses — resentment at being passed over for promotion, the rumour that the Moor has

seduced his wife — begins to explain such malignity. Indeed, the fascination of the character is its awful inscrutability: which is why Beale is right to keep us guessing. He sneaks across the moonlit tiles into Anthony Ward's shadowy pavilion dressed in what appears to be a Black-and-Tan uniform (the period is pre-war, complete with pistols, old telephone and scratchy '78s) and looking like a squat pink spider or a flayed road. And mostly he comes across as watchful, quietly contemptuous and silkily in control of his poison darts and his invisible web.

But he does sometimes drop the mask and, with it, the odd hint of why (as he says) "I am not what I am". Why does he grab an out-tray from a desk and hurl it in sudden fury across the stage on the line "I

hate the Moor and 'tis thought that I twist my sheath 'hims done my office"? Why does he reach as well as triumphantly gloat at the felling of Othello, and why does he display such disgust when Maureen Beattie's doughy Scots Emilia gives him a big kiss on the lips? Maybe the cause of his vindictiveness is to be found in repressed homosexual longings: but we cannot and should not be sure.

Harewood's Othello has two annoying ticks or traits: one is to break up his lines into staccato snatches and the other is to make the kind of small, indecisive hand gestures that suggest weakness rather than strength. Happily, these are not marked or frequent enough to spoil the overall portrait, which is of a genial, confident leader, a touching-

ly tender husband and a man who "being wrought, is perplexed in the extreme". Harewood can rage and roar with the best of them, and at his moment of maximum frustration, he strikes himself and emits odd, animal gobbles: yet the image that will stick with me is of his despairing attempt to shake awake the wife he has just smothered.

Claire Skinner's Desdemona is a gentle, trusting creature but canny enough to fend off the love that wistfully radiates from an unwelcome interesting Cassio. Colin Tierney has his vocally blurred moments in Salzburg but he suggests greater inner life than most actors bring to a notoriously unwelcome role. He also adds texture to the drinking scene by playing it as the inevitable result of an alcoholism he painfully acknowledges and clearly wants to resist.

Finally, let's applaud Mendes for taking his interval at an unusual but telling place. It begins at the moment the Moor chucks aside the strawberry-spotted handkerchief he long ago gave to Desdemona. That breaks up a scene in which Othello has to progress from absolute innocence to a murderous anger. More importantly, the banal little token lies untouched on a near-empty stage for 20 long minutes: a threat, an omen, a promise of tragedy to come.

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A moral victory for Socrates

Lesley Chamberlain
on the need for clear moral teaching

This autumn schools will begin piloting the teaching of "moral values" based on guidance which has already caused a hue and cry. Last year the National Forum for Values in Education and the Community delivered a non-unanimous report on the subject, which was approved in May by the new Labour Government, paving the way for compulsory lessons.

According to schismatics within the forum, the majority relativists take a subjective approach to "what we value", and they have focused their attacks on the chief executive of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, Nick Tate.

Across-the-board subjects, such as the self, relationships, society and the environment, the official forum statement demonstrated a tendency to waffle to the point of meaninglessness. For example: "We value ourselves as unique human beings, capable of spiritual, moral, intellectual and physical growth and development."

Opponents of the relativists have all the more reason, then, for insisting that society needs clear moral rules, and in their support the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, has made the excellent point that there can be only a weak morality at best where no clear moral and spiritual language is in common use. But at worst the "rules" side sounds preachy.

As a teacher, I feel some sympathy for both camps, but my sympathy translates into classical scepticism. Through this year's debate I found myself muttering: do we need a better way of teaching morals than Socrates? The end of exams last term gave me a chance to try out the dialectic on 20 ten and 11-year-olds from mixed backgrounds.

Socrates tells the story of Gyges' Ring early in *The Republic* to jolt those who believe in power and advantage into reconsidering their definition of virtue. If you found a magic ring to turn you invisible whenever you wished, what would you do? Parents may blush. The majority answer was: raid the nearest toyshop. Delayed gratification interested only one boy, who thought he would use the ring to seek fame, and by that route riches.

Yet I don't think we need to be shocked by the realisation that most children are materialistic. Asked how they felt about a ring which instantly turned them from good boys to bad, all without exception rushed to disapprove of it and put it back. What, put it back so that someone else can do far more wicked things? Don't you want to throw it away? But then, if you destroy it, you destroy the chance of doing extraordinary good, too. In good Socratic fashion we got stuck. The next class, facing up to the uncertainty of the modern world, would discuss what is a good person, and a good action, and why we need to know.

Used to an uphill struggle, teachers no doubt exaggerate, but I do believe we had fun in this exploratory class. Those who spoke often, and cogently, were not always the best academically, which gave a chance for new lights to shine. But the real joy was the revelation of instinctively critical minds, so that, for all that we agreed the only unassailable standards we could find were in our various religions, we also agreed that the practice of religion, and thus the provision of moral role-models, was fraught with hypocrisy.

We were also aware of "doing good" for less than good motives, like wanting to shine in the eyes of our peers, all of which gave us a sceptical philosophical foundation for our discourses on faith. In effect, we agreed that God alone knows who is a good person, and that if we don't believe, we can only confront our insufficient human knowledge. This is philosophical, not cultural relativism, which I complemented instinctively with the story of a good action, while a disbelieving listener equally instinctively began to deconstruct my story. The spontaneous course the lesson took was thoroughly interesting. It reminded me of why religion teaches in parables and also that rules, critical reflection and literature are all necessary parts of moral teaching. The plan for future lessons was to work out what rules individuals and society needed. We knew already, in all humility, why we should adhere to them.

If I ever teach it, I shall call it the "Who What Why?" class. To endorse the rule-seekers, I'm sure it is the practice that matters and that good practice should be taught. It would be wantonly destructive to let cultural relativism get in the way. But our children are neither naive nor dim, and to give them a critical underpinning as to why we need to keep creating and recreating our shared values, guided by the wisdom of our respective traditions, is to salute their potential as educated modern citizens.

Behind the launching of a 'reborn' Volkswagen lies a history of atrocity, says Michael Pinto-Duschinsky

Can the Beetle live down its terrible past?

Volkswagen is preparing to market the New Beetle. The company is gambling that memories will stretch back no further than the 1960s. Despite its image as the cult workhorse of the "Beat Generation", the history of the VW is grim. In 1938 the Beetle was produced by Ferdinand Porsche and backed by Hitler as the Nazi "people's car". During the War, VW's factories relied on slave labour, many of them Soviet prisoners of war and Polish conscripts. VW recruited 7,000 prisoners — half of them Jewish — from concentration camps including Auschwitz and Buchenwald.

Some were forced to manufacture V1 rockets, living in appalling underground barracks. The Jewish quarters at VW's Wolfsburg factory were outposts of Neugamme concentration camp. If female labourers (generally Polish and Soviet "East-workers") became pregnant, their newborn infants were taken away. The mothers' work was not to be interrupted. At VW's "baby farm", death from malnutrition, dirt, disease and beatings was the norm. About 400 babies perished. In 1944 the death rate was 254 out of 310 admissions. VW's factory doctor, who ran the home, was an SS-Hauptsturmführer. He was later convicted by a British war crimes court and executed.

Is it fair to rake up this distant past? After all, VW has spent more than £1 million on research headed by an independent academic, Hans Mommsen, into the company's war record. His 1,055-page book makes no secret of Porsche's Nazi involvements or of the extensive use of "forced labour". The company has given £4 million for Jewish and non-Jewish charitable and commemorative projects. What more can it do?

Quite simply, VW refuses to give retrospective wages and pension rights to its elderly former slaves or to their families. By contrast, the company's German overseers, and members of the SS who guarded the prisoners, were paid then and are normally entitled to pensions now.

Mommsen has publicly backed the company's refusal to consider compensation. According to press reports, he gave as reasons: (1) that his researchers had failed to unearth the "names and addresses" of all the former "forced labourers"; (2) there could be false claims ("secondary corruption"); (3) administrative problems; (4) "German industry's resources are limited"; (5) compensation is a government responsibility.

Volkswagen's decision to pay for history but not for compensation has wide ramifications. There is a question of historical standards. Studies have been authorised by several companies with guilty pasts, including Deutsche Bank, Mercedes-Benz and, most recently, Degussa. It was Degussa which smelted gold from the teeth fillings of Jews who had been gassed. Histories — like royal commission reports — take a long time to write. This allows aged former slaves to die in the interim. Mommsen's research was published after ten years. Company-sponsored histories can never be truly independent. The only valid way to establish the truth is for corporations to abandon their document shredders and to open their records.

The recent tome on VW's war history has been called "Pencil-shine" by the commentator Otto Koehler. He berates the book's all-too-brief treatment of the atrocities at the VW "baby farm" and criticises Mommsen for omitting the details produced by British prosecutors. In defence of the Nazi doctor executed for war crimes, Mommsen comments: "A personalisation of these problems leads to error." The 300 photographs in his book include a gallery of pictures of

Ferdinand Porsche, Hitler and Beetle prototypes. Disturbing photographs of dead infants produced at the "baby farm" trial are missing.

The VW-sponsored work raises broader questions about a worrying tendency in some mainstream German historical writing to explain away the aspects of the Holocaust. Thankfully, this is hotly resisted within Germany itself. Mommsen's rejection of the idea of any personal responsibility for the

as easily have occurred in any industrialised society. Mommsen, though a supporter of the Social Democrats, has long backed some propositions of the far-right David Irving.

History apart, VW's record is likely to have consequences closer to home. It could renew controversies over the fundraising practices of British universities, similar to last year's debate over Dr Gert-Rudolf Flick's endowment to Oxford University. Forty per cent of VW is in public ownership: the Volkswagen Foundation is financed from the dividends. In Britain, this foundation is a mainstay of programmes such as those in German studies at St Antony's College, Oxford. There are unavoidable moral questions for the foundation's grantees. How can they justly accept money to which former slave workers have a strong prior claim?

Volkswagen's token gift of £4 million reflects the standard policy of former Nazi corporations and of the Kohl Government: refuse claims for individual victims; diffuse political pressure with modest lump-sums to foreign charities or governments. VW's derisory payment to the Jewish Claims Conference was on condition that — to avoid setting a precedent — nothing should go to individual claimants.

The German government last week started a new round of talks with the Jewish Claims Conference. The deal, which officials on both sides seem to have sketched out, is that Germany will make "marginal improvements" to a "hardship fund" established after the end of the Cold War for Jews in Eastern Europe who were denied compensation under Germany's restitution laws; Jew-

ish negotiators will keep within bounds demands for compensation and pensions for former slaves. However, both sides will face pressure to put this later issue on the agenda.

The Jewish Claims Conference, founded in 1951 as a body to represent 22 Jewish organisations, is now a secretive, wary body coming under increasing fire from Holocaust survivors in America, Israel and Britain. The conference's 200-strong staff is financed almost entirely by administrative overheads from the German authorities; it has yet to publish its internal accounts.

On the German Government's side, caution has been demanded by the Finance Ministry, corporations and lawyers. Officials repeat the mantra that restitution of 100 billion marks has been provided. This statistic is thoroughly misleading. It includes pensions of German emigrants, and several extraneous categories. The Kohl Chancellor refuses to say how much Germany has paid specifically to the families of the six million dead Jews or to the survivors of the camps — a far smaller amount.

The Kohl Government and the German corporations have not appreciated the new urgency of Jewish Holocaust survivors' demands for payments for their slave labour. They have also mistaken the mood of important sections of German opinion. The *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, which called last week for the Government to grant such compensation, expressed the consensus of the country's press. Meanwhile, the European Parliament has supported the petition of the British-based Claims for Jewish Slave-Labour Compensation Campaign and forwarded it to the German Bundestag.

And in Wolfsburg, Volkswagen's company town, a brave and vociferous minority, led by Pastor Hohnsbein and supported by the town archivist, Dr Siegfried, have long campaigned for generous treatment of VW's victims. In the words of the town's church superintendent, compensation and reconciliation go hand in hand.

Out of kilter with the Commons

The position of Scots MPs has important implications for the whole House, says Peter Riddell

Duncan Sandys, the epitome of the old-style Tory, once allegedly told a complaining constituent that he was elected "to represent Streatham in Westminster, not Westminster in Streatham". Apocryphal or not, this story summed up a view of the MPs' role that had been universal until the 1950s but was already an anachronism when Sandys retired from the Commons in 1974. The dilemma about the balance between being a national politician or local welfare officer remains, and faces a fresh challenge. In another illustration of what Tam Dalyell often calls the Law of Unintended Consequences over devolution, the creation of a Scottish parliament will fundamentally change the role of the 72 Members of the Commons from north of the border. This will inevitably open a debate about the function and number of all MPs.

There is no agreed job description of what an MP does, or should do. MPs do not sign a contract of employment. This was underlined by last year's study from Hay Management Consultants for the Review Body on Senior Salaries, which set out a general "job purpose", to "represent, defend and promote national interests and further the needs and interests of constituents wherever possible". The study then spent four pages listing possible roles and how much they can vary from MP to MP.

Other surveys have produced a diverse range and, even more important, big contrasts in expectations between the public and MPs, and between members of different parties, about the priority between national and constituency roles. Voters believe that the most important part of an MP's job is to deal with their problems and to represent their views, while most MPs stress contributing to



the national debate and checking the executive.

The Demos think-tank has suggested a constituents' charter for MPs, specifying what voters can expect of their Members. This idea has been taken up by Paddy Ashdown and some other Liberal Democrats. But apart from laying down maximum times taken to answer letters and the like, it is impossible to reduce the multi-faceted responsibilities of any MP to measurable or objective yardsticks. Is it, for instance, a measure of a "good" MP to ask lots of questions or to issue lots of press releases?

But however diverse the job, no one disputes the dramatic rise in the past 30 years in the amount of time spent on constituency work. A survey last year by

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Research Services Limited suggested that MPs now spend two fifths of their 71.4 hours worked per week on constituency service when the House is in session, and a higher proportion in recesses. This is partly a result of higher unemployment, increased family breakdown, homelessness and a more discretionary welfare state. Members of the public are also less deferential and expect more from their MPs.

At the same time, an increasing number of MPs have been local councillors familiar with such casework, which they continue when elected to the Commons. An MP is a local ombudsman, a figure of authority who can get a

response from local, as well as central, bureaucrats. For many MPs, this is the most fulfilling aspect of their work.

The Hay study noted, however, the view of several MPs that the increased burden of constituency work was "dragging them away" from their traditional parliamentary role. This, of course, suits the party managers and, indeed, the Labour whips have been sending some new MPs away from Westminster for "constituency weeks". The balance is tilting too much in the local, rather than the national, direction.

But Scottish MPs are about to experience a sharp swing in the other direction. Let's say you live in Linlithgow and are worried about your child's school, the local hospital, housing, or local vandalism. It will be no good after

January 2000 writing to Mr Dalyell, your long-serving MP. He will say "sorry, this is no longer anything to do with me — you must contact the local member of the Scottish parliament". The matters being devolved account for most of those raised in MPs' postbags, apart from social security, the economy and unemployment.

Every month in its polls for *The Times*, MORI asks people to name the most important issues facing Britain today. Of those which regularly feature in the top eight, four (including education and health, the top two), will no longer be the responsibility of Westminster, but will be devolved to Edinburgh. This rating of issues is as true among Scots as among the British public as a whole. Moreover, in the poll taken just after the publication of the Government's White Paper, devolution was ranked ninth in importance by the Scottish public.

So Scotland's MPs at Westminster will have an odd life, no longer responsible for at least half the issues of most concern to their constituents. This is not an argument against devolution, but it would obviously mean a sea-change in recent expectations about what MPs should do, with implications for the whole House of Commons. And if Labour means what it says about decentralisation to local (and possibly regional) government in England (so far unproven), all MPs will be affected.

The constituency-welfare officer role is valuable, not least for keeping MPs in touch with voters' problems and concerns. But MPs should not let it undermine their national work at Westminster. This means that MPs should take a decision no longer to deal with matters which are properly the responsibility of those elected at a local level, or to a Scottish parliament. Otherwise, there is no point in such decentralisation. The other implication is that there should be fewer MPs, not just from Scotland but overall. If we are moving to a more diverse political structure, less concentrated on Westminster, the Commons should be smaller — say 450 against the current 699 — and it should concentrate more on national issues. At present, too many MPs are trying to do too much.

Ritz crackers

ONE of the last refuges from sweaty keep-fit fanatics has fallen. The Ritz Hotel, where a necktie is required to cross the threshold and the wearing of a tracksuit might cause an older concierge to faint, is building a "fitness centre".

The grande dame of London hotels, founded in 1906, has begun work on a gym to be situated on the top floor overlooking Piccadilly. Facilities will include the usual exercise bikes, weights, treadmills,

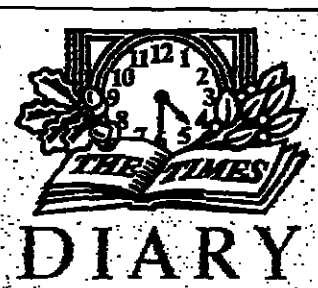
step-machines and a resident personal trainer.

The centre, which is expected to be open by the end of this year, is part of a refurbishment programme instigated by the reclusive twins David and Frederick Barclay, who bought the Ritz in 1995.

Those with longer associations with the hotel are appalled at the prospect of guests at large in gym kit, and question the demand for workouts in an establishment regarded as a byword for timeless elegance and ostentation. Regulars have included Evelyn Waugh, Nancy Mitford, Charles Chaplin and King Zog of Albania, and afternoon tea and early evening drinks in the Palm Court (where Tallulah Bankhead once swilled champagne from her shoe) are institutions.

"Quite who is going to use it as a gym I don't know," says a former general manager. "The Ritz is not some businessmen's hotel. It's not somewhere you go and spend an evening sweating off the pounds. César Ritz would turn in his grave."

The hotel insists that tracksuits will be kept out of the Palm Court.



"There will be a gymnasium-bar dispensing carrot juice and mineral water," says a spokeswoman. "In consideration of our other guests, we will be inviting anyone using the gym to change before coming downstairs."

Bad news

QUESTIONS are being asked of the charity Heal the World, set up to help children across the globe by the peculiar pop star Michael Jackson. The British arm of the charity is not doing very much healing. The Charity Commission has had a look at the organisation's accounts and found that a "significant" amount of the charity's income has gone on administration costs. "We are corresponding with the trustees to ascertain what their

plans are and that they are able to use the charity's assets to fulfil its purposes for the future," says a commission spokesman.

My disclosure that some lucky priest will soon be hearing the confession of that old rascal Alan Clark makes the "Catholic of the Century" poll in this week's *Catholic Herald* all the more intriguing. Pope John XXIII is the overwhelming choice of readers, but the paper records that a single vote was also cast for Father Michael Seed, the priest who has been spending long hours explaining the faith to Clark.

Royal fan

THE Royal Family, beset by bleak polls detailing its declining popularity, has received a boost from South Africa. That country's Deputy Speaker, Baleka Mbete-Kgoitsile, has just completed a visit to Britain to investigate how our royals can be used as role models for traditional leaders in South Africa.

The trip, organised by the British Government, has not been universally understood back home, where cynics have asked noisy questions about toe-sucking duchesses and adulterous princes. Nevertheless,

the Deputy Speaker has stuck to her guns and, happily for the Royal Family, will have time to complete her report now that South Africa's Attorney-General has decided not to prosecute her over embarrassing accusations of a fraudulent application for an identity document.

Lost leader

TONY BLAIR's epic summer holiday may finally be at an end but the fallout from his sojourn is still



being felt in Tuscany. The village of San Gimignano, where the Blair entourage borrowed the villa belonging to Geoffrey Robinson, the millionaire Labour MP, has received so much media attention that neighbouring villages have become quite jealous. Greenest of all is Lucciana Nardi, where Blair stayed when he was Leader of the Opposition. Villagers are furious that no one realised who he was when he visited, and the opportunity was lost to make his presence for all it was worth. "The mayor is absolutely distraught," says one local chuckling in the olive groves.

Correction from *The Journal*, Grantham: "In a letter printed in the July 25 issue of *The Journal*, Mr Edward Pinlott, of the Nobility Inn, Grantham, apparently described himself as a 'pillar of the community'. We apologise for any embarrassment."

Hot shots

IF the impending marriage of budding Australian tycoon James Packer and model Kate Fischer is to prosper, one suspects they may have to work on the communication thing. James, son of the media



Model wife: Kate Fischer

mogul Kerry, has been busily trying to buy up some of the more revealing shots from his fiancée's past to prevent their publication. Meanwhile, Fischer, who came to the world's attention when she joined Elle Macpherson in a pond in Sirens, has been shooting a calendar, in which clothes are not the most important feature — and the poses unlike those expected of a corporate wife.

P.H.S



OUR ISLAND STORY

Ms Short should be ashamed of her treatment of Montserrat

This Government's brazen elephant has put her foot in it again. Diplomacy has never been a strength of the Secretary of State for International Development, Clare Short. For her supporters, it is Ms Short's directness that charms. Even by her own standards, however, she has miscalculated grievously in her response to the plight of the citizens of Montserrat. The inhabitants of the volcano-devastated island are British dependants. Their welfare is not just a cause for humanitarian concern but the direct moral and political responsibility of British ministers — Ms Short in particular.

Instead of dealing gracefully and generously with their plight, Ms Short has shown all the sympathy to those in difficulty of the finest Victorian Treasury mandarins towards the victims of the Irish Famine. A proper reluctance to spend taxpayers' money is, in any case, proving as politically imprudent as she is fiscally insensitive. Ms Short has declined to visit Montserrat pleading, like an overpressed Duchess, that her diary is full. She cited visits to Bangladesh, Hong Kong and Africa as pressing engagements. Yet, as our political correspondent reports, it will be weeks before she has to visit any of them. She has a free fortnight before flying to Bangladesh when she might take the trouble to hear direct from Montserratians whether or not the island's ministers are "dishonest" in their pleas on their people's behalf.

Even if Ms Short were the busiest of ministers, should she not alter her arrangements to ensure that she can travel to an island for which she has direct responsibility? Is that not more important than jetting to lands where she is, however well-intentioned, only a visiting dignitary and not the responsible minister? Montserrat's people are not asking for golden elephants, nor even creature comforts, but simply treatment with dignity and a bare minimum of security. Is that too much to ask?

and emergency relief. Ms Short has responded to Caribbean cries for help by dismissing them as "hysterical scare-mongering" and accused the representatives of Montserrat's people of playing "silly political games" and "talking mad money".

Ms Short's folly may lead to expenditure of really "mad money". By refusing to ensure that sufficient resources are available for other Caribbean islands to take in Montserrat's people, Ms Short only makes it more likely that refugees will come to Britain, placing an open-ended burden on the welfare state which could run to hundreds of millions of pounds. Far fewer millions invested now in helping Antigua to settle Britain's debt of honour to Montserrat would be both more humane and ultimately much more prudent.

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POISON FROM PALE

Why Nato should intervene in the Bosnian Serb media battle

Far from being a sideshow in the struggle for power between Biljana Plavsic, the elected President of Republika Srpska, and the Pale-based clique around Radovan Karadzic, the effort to free Bosnian Serb radio and television (SRK) from the control of Dr Karadzic's henchmen could determine Bosnia's political future. So long as Dr Karadzic continues to dominate the airwaves, Mrs Plavsic's efforts to break the power of his criminal mafia will be severely handicapped. His aim is to convince Bosnian Serbs that she is a quisling President, in league with their new enemy, the Nato-led Stabilisation Force (Sfor) in Bosnia.

Ever since the start of fighting in what was Yugoslavia, unscrupulous political manipulation of the broadcast media has been used to inflame intercommunal hatreds. Inflammatory propaganda remains a weapon in the hands of the enemies of peace. This is a last frontier of disarmament which Nato-led forces should hesitate no longer to cross.

The technique was pioneered by Serbia's strongman, Slobodan Milosevic, who used Second World War footage of atrocities by Croat Ustache Fascist forces, allied to the occupying Nazis, to reopen old war wounds and stir up Serb paranoia. Croatia's President Franjo Tudjman responded in kind. Although dozens of tiny independent stations now operate in Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia, they reach only local audiences. Political control and abuse of the state broadcasting stations which, above all in rural areas, are almost the only medium of information, is as formidable an obstacle to the patching together of Bosnia under the Dayton accord as it was effective in tearing communities apart.

Under the 1995 Dayton accords, the Nato-led forces in Bosnia have all along been empowered to close down biased television and radio stations. Nato also undoubtedly has

the capacity to assist the many journalists ready to fight for a free press to reach a wider public. But Nato governments have, mistakenly, been reluctant to intervene.

Now, in retaliation for last week's decisive action by Sfor's British contingent to shore up the authority of Mrs Plavsic, Dr Karadzic has turned his black propaganda against Nato itself. Since the middle of last week, broadcasts generated in Pale and transmitted throughout Srpska have repeatedly carried footage in which Second World War film of occupying Nazi forces and their Croat Ustache Fascist collaborators has been blended with carefully "antiquated" clips of British Sfor troops and tanks. This incendiary material is still running, in defiance of an ultimatum issued to Pale on Friday by Mrs Plavsic and by Carlos Westendorp, the international High Representative, and a revolt by the staff of SRK in Banja Luka.

Mrs Plavsic and the SRK journalists are powerless to act, because Karadzic loyalists control the Kozara transmission mast in the hills high above Banja Luka, near Prijedor. Nato has always been aware of the importance of the Kozara mast; it was a target of attack by US aircraft in the 1995 offensive that bombed the Serbs to the negotiating table and produced the Dayton peace plan.

Kozara lies in bitterly contested terrain. A Nato operation to remove the outlawed Karadzic secret police protecting it would be risky. But not to act would be riskier still. The West has every interest in the success of Mrs Plavsic's bid to restore order to Republika Srpska. She has dissolved the parliament dominated by Karadzic cronies and called fresh elections in October. To win, she needs to get her law and order message across to all Bosnian Serbs. Nato should silence Pale's propaganda machine well in advance of the vote that, with Western backing, she has courageously sought.

ERMION, APE AND BEARE

A welcome to poetry in the pens

Visitors to London Zoo will soon find a new specimen in the menagerie. A poet is to be installed in residence. There will be rhymes for the rhinos, pentameters for the penguins and couplets for the crocodiles.

Animals are an obvious source of literary inspiration. The most primitive poems of any kind — ancient hunting charms and charmed spells — must have taken wild beasts as their theme. Magical monsters stalk the warrior realms of our oldest literature. *Beowulf*, thought to have been composed more than 1,200 years ago, is haunted by Grendel, a dragonish embodiment of evil. But it was not just mythical monsters which enthralled past readers. The Old English *Exeter Book* makes riddling play with descriptions of the bull and the barnacle goose, the swan and the "sea-suckled" oyster.

Menageries and aviaries also date back to ancient times, and from the late medieval period in particular rulers enjoyed private collections. Many of these were to form the starting points of public exhibits. By the 16th century, as an age of discovery dawned and navigators brought bizarre specimens home, the exotic fauna of the world became more familiar.

Poets found in them a rich source of imagery. In *Arcadia*, Sir Philip Sidney

relishes his descriptions of the "mowing" Ape and the whitest-skinned Ermon, the Camelion with its "ease to change" and the "climbing Beare". Some poets even collected beasts. Dante Gabriel Rossetti tended an extensive menagerie in his Cheyne Walk home and wrote ditties which revelled in the wonders of his wombats.

Of course, a primary purpose of zoos is scientific. Captive breeding programmes serve a valuable purpose. But in recent years zoos such as London have focused increasingly on educational programmes. A poet in residence would be an integral part of this. A poem displayed outside a pen will extend information about the animals inside beyond the realm of scientific fact into the world of the imagination. Does not Louis MacNeice's description of elephants — with the "efficacy of engines" and "obstinacy of darkness" — heighten our sense of awe? Would not Hilaire Belloc's admonition to the impetuous boy whose name was Jim serve as a salutary warning outside the big cats' enclosure: Jim was eaten by slow degrees, first his toes and then his knees.

At London Zoo the layout of the chimp cages is constantly being altered to keep the animals stimulated and alert. The introduction of poetry outside the pens will bring the same freshness to the visitor's environment.

Greenpeace-BP row over science

From Dr David Cromwell

Sir, As a former oil company geophysicist, now involved in climate research, I have to take issue with your leader on the dispute between BP and Greenpeace ("Out of its depth", August 20). I regard Greenpeace's science as solid and its tactics as necessary if attention is to be drawn to the threats associated with climate change.

In 1996 it was the considered judgment of the world's top climate scientists, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, that "the balance of evidence suggests a discernible human influence on global climate". This is primarily the result of fossil fuel burning. The IPCC advocated an urgent 60 to 80 per cent cut in emissions of greenhouse gases in order merely to stabilise the Earth's climate.

Businesses represented by the Global Climate Consortium (amongst whom are several oil companies) are deliberately rubbishising the IPCC's science, in a cynical move to resist the need to modify their damaging operations. It is only through the pressure of Green campaigners that BP recently left the GCC, although Shell and Texaco, amongst others, remain members.

The underlying truth is that our consumer society is so dependent on fossil fuels that in its greed to extract them, environmental and social concerns have been downgraded. The oil companies' vision of sustainability hinges on greater energy use, not less. This is why they bear the brunt of concerted campaigns by the Green movement.

Profligate energy consumption, whether by burning oil, coal, gas or even use of renewable sources, is symptomatic of a non-sustainable society.

Yours faithfully,
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From the Acting Executive
Director of Greenpeace

Sir, Your leading article today states that BP "has science on its side" and then goes on to provide not a scrap of evidence.

You state, as part of your argument, that renewable energy is "decades away" from substituting for fossil fuels. Yet BP themselves have just completed a study which shows that if half the amount BP spent on the Foina oilfield was invested to mass-produce solar panels, solar power would become cost competitive with fossil fuels overnight. The ability of renewables to replace fossil fuels is a function of the direction of investment and political will.

Your statement that Greenpeace wants a unilateral British phase-out of fossil fuels within 40 years is incorrect. We have simply pointed out that existing predictions imply that a carbon budget set to meet UN ecological limits on climate change — identified to protect ecosystems and human populations — will be exceeded in 30 years if no action is taken. This is the reason why Greenpeace is lobbying for a binding international agreement to be reached on carbon dioxide emissions when governments meet in Kyoto this December.

If we are to slow down climate change, investment must switch now, away from developing new fossil fuel reserves and into solar and other alternatives. Even the chief executive of BP has accepted that the weight of scientific evidence on climate change means that action must be taken.

The problem is not a lack of oil, but that we have too much. The question is not whether we need to change, but who is going to act and when?

Yours sincerely,
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Rubella vaccine

From the Chief Executive of Sense,
the National Deafblind and Rubella Association

Sir, Your feature about the possible side-effects of the MMR vaccine on young children (August 19) raises important concerns and we strongly support the need for further research in this area. In the interests of balance, however, it should be emphasised that the rubella vaccine has been highly successful in reducing the incidence of rubella in pregnant women, and its consequent devastating effects on unborn children.

Between 1971 and 1975, for example, at least 360 children were born with congenital rubella syndrome (CRS). Many of these were born both deaf and blind, often with additional heart, brain and physical impairments. The distressing consequences for them and their families are obvious. Between 1990 and 1995, fewer than 25 babies were born with CRS, entirely owing to the successful introduction of the MMR programme.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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'Arrogant campaign' to free Hindley

From Mr Gerald Long

Sir, Lord Longford's constant urging of the valid redemption of Myra Hindley and the justice of her plea for release (letters, August 20, 21) recalls similar pleading of an earlier Roman Catholic apologist, D. B. Wyndham Lewis, on behalf of the most abominable child murderer whose record is known, Marshall Gilles de Raiz.

The Marshall (1404-40), one-time companion-in-arms of Joan of Arc, murdered some 150 children. He tortured them hideously. It is difficult even to read the record of his crimes.

Wyndham Lewis, in his book *The Soul of Marshal Gilles de Raiz*, records this episode before the trial, condemnation and execution of Gilles de Raiz.

The Carmelite had visited him, and heard him in confession, and given him a penance and sacramental absolution, and the burden of all his years of horrible and now repented sin had been lifted from him by the murmur of a simple, tremendous formula, and his soul made clean as a newly baptized child's.

For those who hold Lord Longford's beliefs it must be a powerful consolation to know that even the most abominable criminal can be washed clean of his crimes, redeemed and absolved, made as innocent as a child, by a brief ritual and "a simple, tremendous formula". How much more easily must the soul of a lesser sinner achieve redemption.

Lord Longford must know that those of us who do not share his simple faith believe, in all humility, that there are crimes that no power known to man can wash away. Holding that belief, the thought of Myra Hindley's walking free is as repellent as Lord Longford's campaign on her behalf.

It is an arrogant campaign, based as it surely is on the attitudes of a tiny minority. We might reasonably wish to be spared any continuation.

Yours faithfully,
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Increasing risks from elderly drivers

From Dr Mark Dancy

Sir, The dangers posed by elderly drivers are increasing. August 8, Deaths of young, inexperienced drivers fell 10.2 per cent between 1986 and 1995, but over a similar period there was a huge increase (over 80 per cent) in fatalities in those aged 70 or over. Women above the age of 70 are now more likely to be involved in an accident than young, inexperienced female drivers.

Whereas the skills of younger drivers improve with time and experience, those of the elderly are usually diminishing. With steadily increasing life expectancy the problem can only get worse, and it is time politicians had the courage to tackle what has previously been seen as a politically difficult issue.

Actually it is not so difficult. Everyone's co-ordination and speed of thinking reduces with age. Therefore competence must be regularly assessed. Until an accident happens, nobody, apart from drivers or their general practitioners, have any responsibility or power to question driving competence.

Many people now in their forties and fifties see their elderly parents' driving deteriorate and face the heart-breaking decision whether to tell them that they should stop. It is unreasonable for society to expect them to perform this role. Neither are doctors

trained to assess driving ability. The task needs to be given to the same people who test younger drivers.

This adds up to regular driving tests after a certain age, say 70 years. The over-seventies should not feel threatened by this. Those that fail the test could apply for a retake after some lessons if they felt able.

Although loss of a car is undoubtedly a major blow for geographically isolated people, is it right that their "freedom" should be maintained at such a potential cost?

Yours faithfully,
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August 21.

From Mr David Mungall

Sir, In these days of political correctness it is not curious that the phrase "one lady owner" remains prevalent in adverts for second-hand cars. Clearly the "lady" owners themselves believe this to carry a host of positive connotations relating to low mileage and pristine condition.

Unfortunately, these are all sexist, eg. only used for shopping, only used for the school run. These women are sacrificing equality for a quick sale.

Yours faithfully,
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A problem shared

From Mr Stephen J. Coines

Sir, There are two phrases now in common use which I find most obnoxious. The first is "coming to terms with" and the second, "receiving counselling for" (report, "Counselling caution on a cure-all for life's ills", August 19).

There are individuals who, during the course of medical or psychiatric treatment, benefit from counselling as a part of their therapy. But this is far removed from the latest craze to counsel people for every conceivable occurrence in day-to-day life.

How did we attain our former position in the world? Behind every leader and great general, was there an army of counsellors helping them to "come to terms with" the consequences of their actions or of decisions taken in the field of battle? What has happened to our bulldog spirit?

Weather forecasts

From the Chief Executive of
The Meteorological Office

Sir, Mr Andy Marks (letter, August 16; letters, August 19 and 21) takes the Meteorological Office to task for what he sees as recent low levels of forecast accuracy and a more general lack of clarity in our performance targets.

The Meteorological Office is a world leader in the provision of weather services, and our forecasts have continued to show steady and significant improvements for several decades. Recent improvements are illustrated by a 6 per cent increase in the accuracy of our global computer predictions since March 1995.

Mr Marks is quite right that the accuracy of the 5.55pm Radio 4 forecast (a measure of our performance in delivering the Public Meteorological Service) is no longer published on its

I am sure the only way to overcome trauma is to let time heal the mental wounds, not to keep them open through counselling.

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From Mr Peter Wade

Sir, Perhaps the counselling industry should talk this problem through and not become depressed.

If they support each other and get it out in the open they will suffer no long-term damage.

Yours empathetically,
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August 19.

own. It is one element in a composite measure of a wide range of services we provide to our customers, which also includes gale warnings, aviation forecasts and freezing road warnings. However, I am sure that he would be pleased to know that last year's accuracy figure for the Radio 4 forecast was 86 per cent — a slight improvement on the previous year. Our current performance targets — agreed by ministers and laid before Parliament — are both demanding and wide-ranging, and include measures of accuracy, efficiency and quality of service. Mr Marks might like to judge us against these targets when we publish our annual report next year.

Yours faithfully,
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St Edmundsbury tower

From Mr Henry Russell

Sir, Perhaps the St Edmundsbury Cathedral Council, whose plans for a new cross-tower are being debated in your columns (letters, August 4 and 21), might consider a tower of good contemporary design.

There are examples of classical towers and aisles of the 18th century which sit happily with medieval churches — eg. Blockley in Gloucestershire and Woodstock in Oxfordshire — and of course Coventry Cathedral was largely rebuilt after the war in contemporary style.

In a paper written in 1893 for the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, William Morris castigated restorations of Westminster Abbey by a succession of architects, declaring:

The western towers omitted by the mediæval builders were supplied in the same style, having been probably designed by Wren and carried out by Hawksmoor and remain in good condition, as monuments of the incapacity of the seventeenth and eighteenth century architects to understand the works of their forefathers, and perhaps one might say that they furnish a wholesome lesson to future ages not to attempt the imitation of a past epoch of art.

Yours faithfully,
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A dressing down during August

From Mr Peter Croft

Sir, Everyone writes letters to *The Times* about the weather (August 16, 19, 21) but nobody does anything about it. Why not?

For some time enlightened employers have allowed their staff a dress-down Friday, provided that they have no external engagements. Contrary to what I recall to have been highly confident predictions, neither Western civilisation nor the economy has collapsed.

Has the time not come to declare August a dress-down month, irrespective of external engagements? During it, clothing will of course remain sober, modest and clean, but may be loose, short, open and, above all, washable.

Such an action will at least erode decades of vicious and unprincipled discrimination against men in the workplace. It will do more than John Prescott ever can to encourage the use of public transport, at least of the Tube, in summer. And it may hasten the day when we regard suits, shoes and ties for summer wear with the same bewildered contempt that we now extend to crinolines and powdered wigs.

Yours faithfully,
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August 22.

Luggage out of hand

From Mr Ray Dicks

Sir, On arrival at airport check-in desks we are told that passengers are allowed to take only one piece of hand luggage on board. This rule is disregarded by many passengers whose excess baggage monopolises the luggage racks to the inconvenience and danger of more law-abiding travellers.

On a recent flight to Oslo one young woman attempted to stow five assorted pieces of baggage on the overhead rack, including one which the cabin steward insisted must be stowed in the main hold. She was not the only culprit.

Surely this dangerous practice should be stopped before the offending passenger is allowed to board the aircraft?

Yours faithfully,
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Bosie's gift

From Ms Moira Shannon

Sir, The so-called "pastiche" engraved by "Bosie" on Oscar Wilde's cigarette case (report and photograph, August 22) suggests a reference to the poem *The Phoenix and the Turtle* by Shakespeare, which uses imagery from alchemy to describe the perfect union of the phoenix and the turtle dove through self-immolation and rebirth as one in the eternal flame. The verses read:

Here the anthem does commence:
Love and Constancy is dead.

Phoenix and the Turtle died
In a mutual love from hence.

So they loved as love in twain
Had the essence but in one.

Two distinct, division none
Number there in love was slain.

The original is perhaps not much better than the pastiche.

Yours faithfully,
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From Miss Deborah Maccoy

Sir, Your report says that the five lines inscribed by Lord Alfred Douglas on a cigarette case he gave Oscar Wilde on the latter's release from Reading jail appear "to be Bosie's attempt at a pastiche of John Donne". The lines actually come word for word from Donne's poem *The Canonisation*.

Yours faithfully,
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Animate objects

From Mr T. C. Carbury

Sir, As well as being alarmed or de-regarded (letters, August 12, 13, 14 and 19) it seems that pleasant emotions are also within the scope of modern machines. A catalogue of pneumatic equipment offers Captivated Push Buttons. The source of their enchantment is unexplained.

Yours faithfully,
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August 19.

From Mr Andrew Gardner

Sir, I recently brought home some shopping in a carrier bag bearing the legend "made from post-consumer recycled plastics". I don't know what it means, but it sounds ominous.

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MATTHEW ROWLESON-POTTER
Contracted to write a book
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OBITUARIES

SIR ERIC GAIRY

Sir Eric Gairy, PC, Prime Minister of Grenada, 1974-79, died on August 23 aged 75. He was born on February 19, 1922.

A flamboyant and extraordinary figure, even among the Caribbean politicians who were his contemporaries, Eric Gairy had once been a popular trade union leader and champion of the poor. Amoral, with a quick instinct for the opportune, he was unshackled by traditional practice or constitutional nicety, but for himself, there had to be pomp, circumstance and title. And once he assumed power as head of government in 1974, he began to give rein to an increasingly bizarre set of proclivities. Obsessed with flying saucers and witchcraft (matters of state on whose importance he liked to descend at length in speeches to the UN), he also became notorious for his private army, the Mongoose Gang, and was embroiled in numerous sex scandals.

Although he retained the loyalty of his original following among Grenada's poor for a surprisingly long time, he ended up being feared and loathed by the majority, and his stewardship of the island came to an end when he was ousted in a coup in 1979.

Eric Matthew Gairy began as an elementary schoolteacher in Grenada, and then went to Trinidad as a clerk. Afterwards, he was in Aruba, in the Dutch West Indies, where he helped to organise immigrant oil workers. He then returned to Grenada, in 1950 founding the Grenada, Manual and Mental Workers' Union.

His next step was the Grenada United Labour Party (GULP), and enthusiastically supported by agricultural workers, he led a series of well-justified strikes against the island's nutmeg and cocoa planters. The character of Boyeur in Alec Waugh's bestselling novel *Island*

in the Sun is undoubtedly based on Gairy. Already he was well — too well — dressed. But his supporters, poor peasants from the largest rural parish, St Andrew, liked the mixture of dandified frumpiness, of variety of amorous success, and the decency with which he took on the power of the state and the British-appointed administration.

In February 1974, members of his union were arrested in arson, looting and rape, in which three people were killed. In came British troops and police from other islands. Gairy was arrested, and detained for 10 days. This only helped him to the September elections, when GULP won six of the eight elected seats on the Legislative Council. Gairy was now also appointed to the Executive Council — within weeks, he was

named for a second time suspended for lobbying fellow members, and in 1974 he lost his seat for overstaying his leave. Later he was suspended from the Legislative Council.

With the increased measure of self-government granted to the smaller islands, Gairy held his first ministerial appointment as Minister of Trade and Production in 1976-77. In the election of the latter year GULP failed to win, but the following year, Gairy's candidates won the two Grenadian seats in the Federal Parliament. On them the majority there stood. In 1981, Gairy returned to power as Chief Minister, and embarked on a personal spending spree with public funds. The Constitution was suspended and the Administrator given wider powers. The election of September 1983 returned the sensible Herbert Blaize as Chief Minister. But Gairy was back in 1987, where he remained until overthrow by force in 1979.

Grenada was now an entirely internally self-governing Associated State. Gairy gathered an inner ring of henchmen, better educated than himself, who could tamper with figures or put a legal gloss on his actions. His "Mongoose Gang" rough-handled his opponents. His daring public relations flair brought Caribbean and international meetings to the island, and his own vote on the judges' panel secured for Grenada the Miss World title.



His religiosity also showed in the great cross illuminated with electric bulbs, which shone fifty miles out to sea from above St George's, the capital. He went, after Grenada became independent, to the UN, where he spoke on inescapable psychic phenomena, the Bermuda Triangle, and visitors from space. Some old opponents were now

disheartened or had accepted him. But new trade unions among the dockers, clerical and banking workers, with young middle-class professionals, began a vigorous opposition, including a prolonged strike, refusing to be intimidated, though Gairy's retainers treated them brutally. In the 1976 election, of the 16 seats, six went to a broad

alliance of his opponents, among them the middle-class leaders of the New Jewel Movement, Maurice Bishop and Bernard Coard. On March 30, 1979, these latter moved against Gairy in a successful coup, taking power with 50 armed followers while Gairy was off the island on his way to talk to the UN on extraterrestrial phenomena. The New Jewel Movement was afterwards to hold that Gairy was about to have them "assassinated" by his forces with the knowledge of the US Ambassador in Barbados.

This was unlikely. Methodical butchery was not Gairy's line: (although Bishop's father had been murdered in a fracas), and neither was the complete control of freedom of expression which the New Jewel Movement's "people's" regime, based on Marxist principles, subsequently introduced.

Gairy spent the next four years in the US. In that time the Marxist regime was busy devouring itself. A rift in Bishop's Government led to his assassination. Finally, in October 1983, President Reagan's Administration, alarmed by Bishop's close ties with Cuba and the Soviet Union, sanctioned an invasion of the island by a strong force of US Marines and paratroopers, aided by a small regional force to give the incursion the appearance of legitimacy in the eyes of Grenada's Caribbean neighbours. The intervention, indeed, was accomplished to the relief of most Grenadians.

Gairy thought he saw a chance of re-establishing himself. He claimed "back pay" as Prime Minister, and wanted to return. He did indeed come back to Grenada some weeks after the invasion, but with no official standing, as he was regarded with some distaste by those Caribbean governments which had sent troops, by the US Government, and certainly by most in the interim Grenadian administration.

In the December 1984 general election there was more than a

suggestion from Washington that, if Gairy's GULP were to win, US aid, on which the shattered island's economy mostly relied, would be cut. America did not wish to appear to have intervened to restore him: Gairy had a strong, vindictive streak, which would have had full play had he returned to power.

The Prime Ministers of the neighbouring islands, particularly Tom Adams of Barbados (they had jointly appealed to the US to take action, following the murder of Maurice Bishop), had pressured Grenadian politicians, past opponents of Gairy, to combine in a centrist party, the New National Party (NNP). The US saw to it that the NNP did not lack for a campaign chest. The result was a landslide, 15 out of the 16 seats.

GULP had the remaining seat. However, 36 per cent of voters had supported "Uncle" Gairy. Furious, he refused to recognise the result, and called on his sole successful candidate to resign. But he refused, as did the three GULP senators: all left the party.

Gairy now lived in very straitened circumstances, as the Government equivocated over restoring his land and property, taken by the revolutionary Government. He was also going blind, which he concealed. In the 1990 election, GULP gained four seats, but Gairy himself was unsuccessful. He never sat in Parliament again. GULP representation shrank to two in 1995.

He remained party leader, and his personal circumstances improved with the restoration of his property. In mid-1996 he had a stroke, from which he partly recovered.

He married Cynthia Clyne, of a genteel family: she served as Minister of Social Welfare, Culture and Co-operatives in his Cabinet.

She and his two daughters survive him. One of them, Marcelle, is Grenada's High Commissioner in London.

DAVID RYCROFT

David Rycroft, linguist, ethnomusicologist and musician, died on August 8 aged 72. He was born on December 7, 1924.

DAVID RYCROFT was a man at home in several diverse fields. He was an authority not only on the languages of southern Africa, but also on the traditional music and musical instruments of the region. His expertise extended to Western instruments, too, and he was a talented and versatile musician in his own right. As a brass player, with the Guild of Gentlemen Trumpeters, he was one of the pioneers of period-style performance of Baroque and Classical music. He was also an accomplished composer, and in the case of

Swaziland could claim the probably unique distinction of having compiled a country's national dictionary and written its national anthem.

David Kenneth Rycroft was born in Durban. After his return from war service in Egypt and Italy with the South African Air Force, he took his BA in African Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. There he was influenced by Professor Revival Kibwe, the author of *Musical Instruments of the Native Races of South Africa*.

While working for the Non-European Affairs Department in Johannesburg, Rycroft was responsible for encouraging African music and art and for running an adult education centre. In the process, he began to study and collect the

music of the Zulu, Swazi and Xhosa. He thus became acquainted with Princess Constance Magogo kaDinuzulu, the mother of Chief Buthelezi, who had preserved many of the traditional songs of the area and also the musical instruments, including the musical bows, by then otherwise almost extinct.

Rycroft published many articles on the music and instruments of southern Africa, and he was the first to describe clearly the true acoustical behaviour of the musical bow and to relate it to the Jews' trumpet, with which it shares a common repertoire in that area. He was also the first to think of transcribing the characteristic call and response style of much African music on a five-line staff drawn with

a compass, thus revealing with enhanced clarity the essential circularity of this music.

In the early 1950s he came to London, where in 1952 he was appointed to a lectureship in Bantu languages at the School of Oriental and African Studies, the University of London. He taught and compiled dictionaries and grammars for several of the Bantu languages of southern Africa at SOAS.

His ethnomusicological and linguistic abilities were complementary: the former were of major assistance in the recognition and study of pitch patterns in African languages. Combined with his skills as a composer of music in his own culture, they enabled him to compose, among a number of

other works, the national anthem of Swaziland, a *Diamond Jubilee March* for the late King Sobhuza and a *Coronation Fanfare* for King Mswati II.

He was a key participant in the Royal Anthropological Institute's symposium on ethnomusicology in Africa and Asia in 1962, and he remained an influential member of the RAI's ethnomusicology panel.

SOAS awarded him a senior lectureship in Bantu studies in 1963, and a DLitt in 1965. In 1967 he retired, and was almost immediately elected honorary editor of the *Galpin Society Journal*, the most important and the most influential international publication on the study of musical instruments, a post he held with distinction for the rest of his life.

His skills in European music included, in addition to piano and composition, oboe and most brass instruments, and his interest in organology had led him to become a member of the Galpin Society while still in Johannesburg.

In 1962, in association with Edward Croft-Murray (then Keeper of Prints and Drawings at the British Museum), Eric Halfpenny and Joseph Wheeler, he became a member of the Guild of Gentlemen Trumpeters, who were among the first to revive the art of playing baroque music on true, natural trumpets, without valves or even such adventitious aids as the fingerholes so commonplace today.

They played at many ceremonial occasions throughout the country and, even though intonation and sometimes even the notes were not what would be expected of professional musicians today, this was where modern Baroque and Classical brass-playing on natural instruments began. He also taught brass instruments to many pupils at Michael Hall School.

David Rycroft is survived by his wife Jacqueline and by two sons and two daughters.

SIR WILLIAM SWALLOW

Sir William Swallow, Chairman and Managing Director of Vauxhall Motors, 1961-66, died on August 6 aged 92. He was born on January 2, 1905.



IN A period when the motor car industry in Britain was not, in general, enjoying a harmonious time from the industrial relations point of view, William Swallow presided for five years over the most strike-free motor manufacturer in the country. As chief executive at Vauxhall, the British subsidiary of America's General Motors, he benefited both from a thorough practical grounding in mechanical engineering — which had begun with evening classes at Batley and Huddersfield Technical Colleges — and from his exposure to American management and marketing practices.

He therefore combined rugged Yorkshire straight-dealing with an awareness of what was best for his workforce, and a consciousness that the demands of the customer ought to be the most important factor in considerations of car design. In almost his first day in the chair at Vauxhall he ordered a mass public opinion poll to be organised at once, to establish what car buyers might wish to see improved in Vauxhall's output. He was very early aware that such unexpected features as safety, comfort and reliability were vital to the survival of car companies at a time when native British models tended to have a low reputation abroad for these qualities.

William Swallow was born at Gomersal, Yorkshire. From school he went to Batley and Huddersfield Technical Colleges to study engineering in the evenings while working at a Gomersal textile machinery manufacturing, and then at a Heckmondwike machine tool manufacturer. For three years from 1923 he was a junior draughtsman with the commercial vehicle manufacturers Karrier Mo-

tors at Huddersfield before graduating to bus body design with Short Bros at Rochester.

After a short period with Gilford Motors at High Wycombe, he then spent ten years at Pressed Steel, at Oxford, where from 1939 onwards he was in charge of aircraft engineering. From 1943 he was back at Shorts as chief production engineer.

In 1947 he began his long association with General Motors, joining its Overseas Operations Division in New York, as development engineer. Returning to Britain 16 months later he climbed the GM ladder. He was managing director of GM in London, 1953-61, responsible for the company's British operations except Vauxhall cars. Characteristic Vauxhall models of the period of his chairmanship of the company, 1961-66, were the Velox and the Victor, and it was the launch of the latter, soon after he took over at Vauxhall, which prompted him to set up his poll of customers, to establish what they liked, and did not like, about the new model. It was

this kind of approach which helped Vauxhall to remain competitive in the marketplace in Britain.

In retirement from Vauxhall after 1966, Swallow was offered two posts: the chairmanship of the Economic Development Council for the Hotel and Catering Industries, and the chairmanship of the Shipbuilding Industry Board (SIB). The latter was something of a poisoned chalice, conferring a sense of responsibility without the power, at a time when the British shipbuilding industry was in majestic decline. The lengthy wrangle over the future of Upper Clyde Shipbuilders was only one of the problems to beset his five-year chairmanship of the SIB, and when he left in 1971 Swallow was still being critical of the industry's lack of corporate planning.

In retirement Swallow was a governor of Astridge College. He was knighted in 1967. He is survived by his wife Kathleen, whom he had married in 1929. They had no children.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Michael Aikman, Curate, Andover w Foxton (Winchester), to be Team Vicar, Whitstable with responsibility for St Alphege (Canterbury). The Rev Andrew Bailey, Vicar, Great Farringdon w Little Coxwell (Oxford), to be also Rural Dean of the Vale of the White Horse (same diocese). The Rev Richard Betts, Curate, Mile Cross (Norwich), to be Team Vicar, Dorchester (Salisbury). The Rev Andrew Busch, Team Vicar, New Windsor (Oxford), to be Vicar, Oxford St Giles, St Philip and St James w St Margaret. The Rev Nicholas Calver, Vicar, St Edward the Confessor, Mottisham (Southwark), to be Vicar, St John the Evangelist, Redhill (same diocese).

The Rev Geoff Crago, NSM, Assistant Curate, Highnam, Lassington, Rudford, Tibberton and Taynton (Gloucester), to be Bishop's Press Officer and Diocesan Communications Officer (same diocese). The Rev Colin Crook, NSM, Christ Church, Dartford, and Diocesan Ecumenical Officer (Rochester), to be Priest-in-Charge, All Souls, Crockenhill, remaining Diocesan Ecumenical Officer (same diocese). The Rev Andrew Doyle, Team Vicar, Kirkby (Liverpool), to be Vicar, Holy Trinity, Rotherhithe (Southwark). The Rev Kevin Dunne, Priest-in-Charge, Ouse (Durham), to be also Rural Dean, Chester-le-Street (same diocese). The Rev Michael Gooch,

NSM Curate, New Romney w Old Romney and Midley (Canterbury), to be Priest-in-Charge, Teynham (same diocese). The Rev Iain Gow, Assistant Curate, St John, Kenilworth (Coventry), to be Assistant Curate, Birmingham St Martin (in Bull Ring) w Bordesley St Andrew (Birmingham). The Rev Andrew Hutchinson, Succentor of Hereford Cathedral, to be Chaplain, Solihull School, Solihull (Birmingham). The Rev David Johnson, Curate, Holy Trinity, Horfield (Bristol), to be Vicar, Two Mile Hill, St Michael (same diocese). The Rev Michael Kavanagh, Vicar, Beverley St Nicholas, Abbey Wood (Southwark), to be Vicar, Hawley Holy Trinity, and Minley (Guildford).

Director of Ordinands for the diocese (same diocese). The Rev Sue Leathley, recently studying, to be Curate, Totteth St Philomen, St Gabriel and St Cleopas (Liverpool). The Rev Margaret Lum, Assistant Curate, Stanford-le-Hope, St Margaret w Mucking (Chelmsford), to be Assistant Curate, Rayleigh with special responsibility for St Michael's (same diocese). The Rev Janet Muiridge, NSM Curate, Dorchester and Chaplain, Weymouth College (Salisbury), to be NSM Curate, Melbury, remaining Chaplain, Weymouth College (same diocese). The Rev Martyn Neale, Vicar, St Michael and All Angels, Abbey Wood (Southwark), to be Vicar, Hawley Holy Trinity, and Minley (Guildford).

VISIT TO A MADHOUSE

At this visit, attended by the steward of the hospital, and likewise by a female keeper, we first proceeded to visit the women's galleries: one of the side rooms contained about ten patients, each chained by one arm or leg to the wall, the chain allowing them merely to stand up by the bench or form fixed to the wall, or to sit down on it.

The nakedness of each patient was covered by a blanket-gown only; the blanket-gown is a blanket formed something like a dressing-gown, with nothing to fasten it with in front: this constitutes the whole covering: the feet even were naked. One female in this side room, thus chained, was an object remarkably striking: she mentioned her maiden and married names, and stated that she had been a teacher of languages; the keepers described her as a very accomplished lady, mistress of many languages, and corroborated her account of herself.

The Committee can hardly imagine a human being in a more degraded and

ON THIS DAY

August 25, 1815

The Times gave long extracts from this parliamentary report for four consecutive days. The report spurred improvements, including plans for building a new Bethlem "heated by steam".

brutalizing situation than that in which I found this female, who held a coherent conversation with us, and was of course fully sensible of the mental and bodily condition of those wretched beings, who, equally without clothing, were closely chained to the same wall with herself.

Unaware of the necessities of nature, some of them, though they contained life, appeared totally inanimate and unconscious of existence. The few minutes which we passed with this lady did not permit us to form a judgment of the

degree of restraint to which she ought to be subject, but I unhesitatingly affirm, that her confinement with patients in whom she was compelled to witness the most disgusting idiocy, and the most terrifying distraction of the human intellect, was injudicious and improper.

She intreated to be allowed pencil and paper, for the purpose of amusing herself with drawing, which were given to her by one of the gentlemen with me. Many of these unfortunate women were locked up in their cells, naked and chained on straw, with only one blanket for a covering. One who was in that state, by way of punishment, the keeper described as the most dissatisfied patient in the house: she talked coherently, complained of the want of tea and sugar, and lamented that her friends neither came to see her nor supplied her with little necessary comforts.

On leaving, we enquired if the visit had been inconvenient or unpleasant. The patients all joined in saying, No; but (which was sufficiently apparent) that the visit of a friend was always pleasant.

NEWS

Short snub widens Montserrat rift

The diplomatic row over the Government's handling of the Montserrat crisis escalated when Clare Short snubbed an invitation to visit the island, citing pressing overseas commitments, and accused its leaders of deliberately misrepresenting British help.

The International Development Secretary said she was going to Bangladesh, Hong Kong, and Africa, but she will be in London until tomorrow week. Page 1

Lady in the Lake husband questioned

Gordon Park, the husband of the "Lady in the Lake", was arrested on his return from a French cycling holiday. Police had searched the home of the retired teacher, 53, who was held overnight for questioning about the death of Carol Park, found in Coniston Water 21 years after she disappeared. Page 1

Stalking fear

The killer of Thomas Marshall, 12, may have been stalking children in the area. Pages 1, 3

M15 investigation

A former M15 intelligence officer is being investigated after disclosing that Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, had his phone tapped when the National Union of Students' president. Page 2

Sinn Fein offer

Mo Mowlam is preparing to give a formal invitation to Sinn Fein to join the full-scale peace negotiations beginning next month, paving the way for a first meeting between Tony Blair and Gerry Adams. Page 2

Flights chaos

Thousands of passengers expecting to arrive at Gatwick were flown instead to other UK airports after Britain's busiest holiday airport shut after an emergency landing. Page 3

Solar eclipse

Cornwall is bracing itself for its biggest invasion when more than half a million extra visitors are expected in March 1999 to watch Britain's first total solar eclipse for 70 years. Page 5

IQ test questioned

Intelligence testing is so unreliable that even people recognised as geniuses could have a low IQ score, an authority on high achievers claims. Page 6

Teletubbies are told to start talking

The nonsensical burlings of the Teletubbies — favourite phrases include "Aeoh", "Haro" and "All-gone" — may have to go. Criticism from educationists means that the furry creatures will have to start speaking properly. Custard-loving Dipsy, Po, La La and Tinky Winky have gained cult status on BBC2 despite their being aimed at two-year-olds. Page 1

Buried Swan

Marine archaeologists will today consign back beneath silt the Swan, a Cromwellian warship that has provided insights into Britain's navy during the Civil War. Page 7

Carousel rejects

Bargain hunters packed the aisles at the Unclaimed Baggage Centre, an American department store where lost airline luggage, unclaimed after 90 days, starts a new life. Page 9

Pope's message

More than a million Roman Catholics filled Longchamp racecourse for the Pope's final Mass of his Paris visit, and heard him call for a new "intensity of faith" among world youth. Page 10

Bonny Bonn

Roger Boyes finds Bonn the most intellectually fertile of British embassies in Europe. Page 11

Kenya violence

Kenya's President Moi toured coastal areas hit by violence that has left at least 42 dead, getting a lukewarm reception from mainly Kikuyu victims of the weekend slaughter. Page 12

Funding inquiry

The Justice Department was investigating whether Democratic Party officials directed contributions to a union in return for donations to President Clinton's re-election campaign. Page 13



Heavy metal fans take the weight off their feet between performances at the Reading Festival yesterday. Page 16

Wrong call: Some top City investment banks have reportedly suffered losses of up to \$1 billion on an arbitrage punt on British Telecom and MCI. Page 44

Rail order: Virgin Rail launches the centrepiece of its £2.25 billion network refurbishment programme this week by putting its £500 million order for tilting trains out to tender. Page 44

Stores job: Stuart Rose, the former Burton director, has been interviewed for the vacant chief executive's job at WH Smith. Page 44

Fat cats: A report published today suggests that many of the heads of Britain's privatised utility companies, widely criticised for drawing big salaries, may actually be underpaid. Page 44

Melvin Bragg: "One of the greatest pleasures in life is indiscriminate reading and, for me, holidays are the time to do it." Page 16

Pop jamboree: With Suede and the Manic Street Preachers on top form, British rock displayed world-beating class at the Reading Festival. Page 16

Proms double: The BBC Philharmonic under Vassily Sinaisky performs Rodion Shchedrin's *Old Russian Circus Music* at the Proms; while Daniele Gatti and the RPO join forces with Amanda Rocco. Page 16

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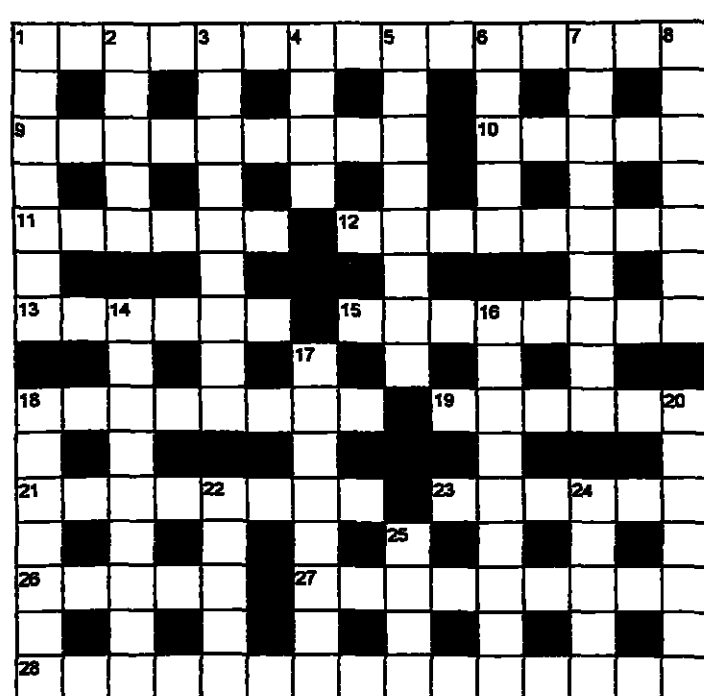
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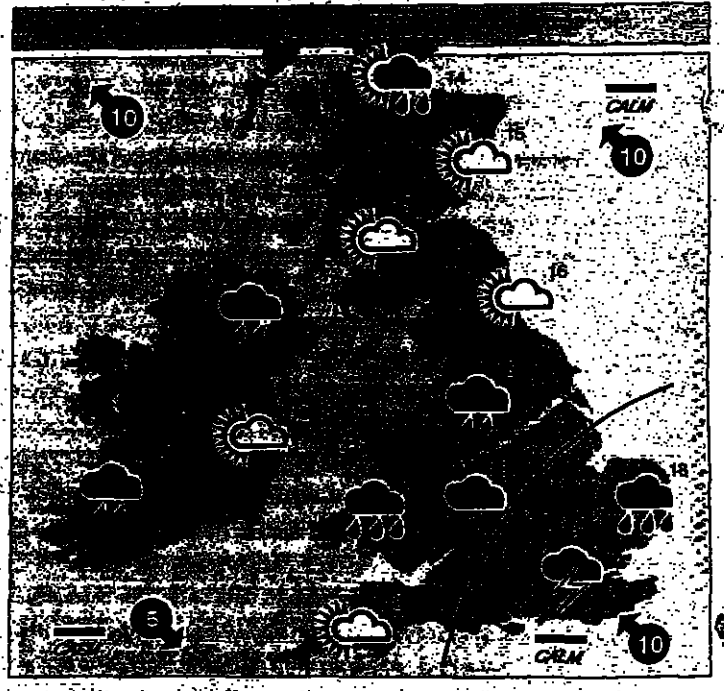
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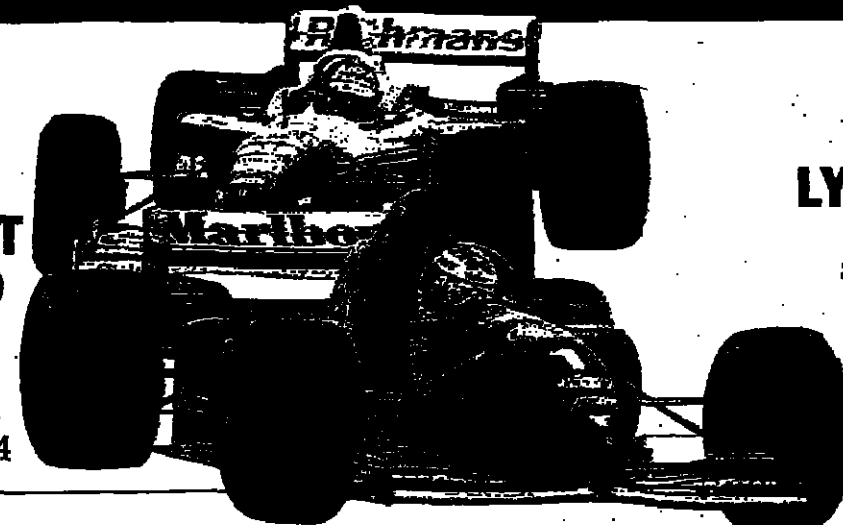
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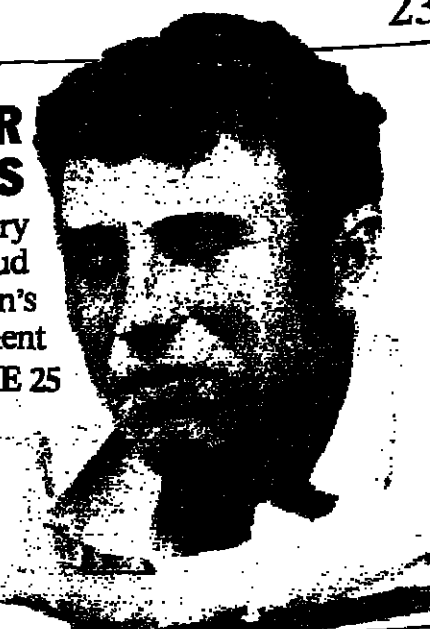


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BARNESLEY GIVEN RUDE AWAKENING BY CHELSEA

Vialli returns with four-star performance

BY OLIVER HOLT
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

FOR Chelsea, the frustration has only been pent up for a fortnight but for Gianluca Vialli, it has been building and building for more than a year. Yesterday, team and player exercised their demons in one great rush and when they had finished, Barnsley's belief that they could mix it with the best of the FA Carling Premiership has to offer lay in tatters at their feet.

By the time the final whistle came, it was almost a relief. For most of the second half, Chelsea's mastery had been so crushing that watching them tear the Yorkshire side apart at will had become like staring at a cat, a big cat, pawing at a mouse that has become so petrified that it can hardly move. It was 6-0, but it could have been a lot more.

The win was a triumph for Ruud Gullit and all his players, of course, after the debacle of their opening-day defeat to Coventry City, a belated statement of intent that they, too, will be championship challengers. But more than anything, it was a personal victory for Vialli, the once-great Italian striker, who has been brought so low in his time at Stamford Bridge.

Vialli, a surprise replacement for Mark Hughes, scored his first goal in the 44th minute, completed a ruthlessly efficient hat-trick 19 minutes later and added a fourth nine minutes before the end. "He was different class," Danny Wilson, the Barnsley manager, said afterwards. "He proved a point to his manager today."

Gullit, citing Vialli's decision to give up smoking as an indication of an improved attitude, was also full of praise for the striker he ignored for much of last season. "He made me very happy and he made the fans happy," Gullit said. "He is a different man this season, a better professional, and it shows. Now we are seeing the Vialli we all want to see."

Gullit said that his players had gained more pleasure from the fact they had not conceded any goals than from the six they scored and, apart from a shaky opening 20 minutes, they operated on a different level to Barnsley. Vialli was the focal point but Barnsley could not cope with the runs and passes of Poyet either, or the invention of Petrescu. When Flo was brought on for Zola, he showed just what formidable

BARNESLEY	
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CHELSEA	
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Petrescu (25) Poyet (38)	
Vialli (44, 57, 65, 82)	
Attendance: 16,170	

strength in depth Chelsea now possess, particularly in attack. "They have brought us down to earth a bit," Wilson said. "But we have not been mugged by a bad team. We have been beaten by a very, very good side." Barnsley had started well enough to suggest that they might be able to fuel the excitement of supporters who had flocked to the ground to

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see the first glamour side to visit Oakwell in the Premiership. They made Chelsea look flimsy and vulnerable in the first 20 minutes and Redfern spurned an early half-chance when he shot over the bar from ten yards.

After nine minutes, Redfern lashed a fierce left-foot shot into the pit of De Goe's stomach and, five minutes later, Barnard wriggled past the challenge of Wise and through the tackle of Myers only to mis-hit his shot as De

Goe rushed out to meet him. Then, in the 25th minute and against the run of play, the floodgates opened. Wise floated a speculative ball into the box and, when it was headed out weakly by De Zeeuw, Petrescu pounced on it, turned inside his marker and steered it into the Barnsley net off the foot of the post.

Barnard offered a hint of resistance with a 20-yard pile-driver that De Goe fisted over the bar but then Barnsley crumbled. Seven minutes before half-time, Sinclair's cross found Poyet in yards of space deep in the Barnsley box and, even though Watson managed to push his header away, the Uruguay international stabbed in the rebound.

Six minutes later, Chelsea cut through the Barnsley defence again with dismissive ease. De Goe caught a corner and hurled the ball to Petrescu on the left. He curled a 35-yard pass into the path of Vialli and the Italian dispatched it with a fierce right-foot drive beyond the dive of Watson. It took just nine seconds from the time the ball left the goalkeeper's hands until it hit the back of the net.

Twelve minutes after half-time, Vialli scored his second when Poyet flicked a delicate chip to him. He slid in to try to poke the ball past Watson and, when it flew into the air, Vialli reacted the quicker and nodded it in off the underside of the bar. By the time he had completed his hat-trick, six minutes later, with a neat side-foot over Watson from Wise's pass, a grim air of resignation had enveloped the home players.

By now, Chelsea's players were quite literally queuing up to score and a feeling of embarrassment for Barnsley's plight spread around the ground. When their supporters started to sing "we're going to win 6-5", the Chelsea fans, a group not renowned for their mercy, applauded them sympathetically.

Nine minutes before the end, Vialli lashed in a half-cleared corner to become the first Chelsea player since Kerry Dixon eight years ago to score four goals in a League game. That was against Barnsley, too. It must be something in the air.

BARNESLEY (4-4-2) D Watson — N Eaden, A Morris, A de Zeeuw, D Barnard — D Sheehan (capt), G Hirston, 45min, N Redfern, E Threlk, M Gullot — J Hendrie (sub), A Lister, 50n, F Watkinson (sub, C Marcano, 45).

CHELSEA (4-4-2) E de Goe — F Sinclair, S Carter, A Myers, G Le Saux — D Petrescu (capt), D Gurnea, 70n, D Wise, R de Mameo, G Poyet (capt), M Nicholls, 69n — G Vialli, G Zola (sub, T A No, 50).

Referee: G Pot.



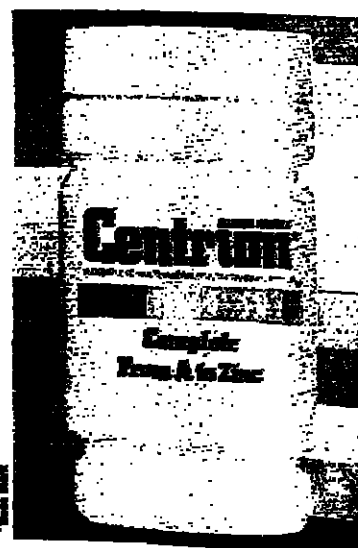
Vialli reacts more quickly than Watson, after the ball had hit the bar, to head his second goal. Photograph: Marc Aspland



Gullit full of praise

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Schumacher supreme as gamble pays off

Villeneuve struggled in sixth, behind Johnny Herbert and Heinz-Harald Frentzen, who was beaten onto the podium by Mika Hakkinen. Both Williams drivers made the wrong choice of tyres in the frenzy of instant judgments triggered by the cloudburst that flooded the circuit 20 minutes before the start. They chose deeply-grooved wet tyres and were beaten as early as the fifth lap, when Schumacher overtook Jean Alesi and Villeneuve to take a lead he never relinquished.

tyre choice. "Our race strategy was a disaster," he said. "It is in races like this that you think about what it's like at the front." He drove in isolation, apart from a protracted spell attempting to overtake Ukyo Katayama's Minardi-Hart. "It was as if I was in the lead," he said, wistfully, "but I was at the back. I'm furious with myself because I've been here enough times to know better. Rain gives you an opportunity. I missed out on a chance I should have accepted."

The most significant perfor-



He is, simply, the best. He comes cheap, even at £22 million a season. He bided his time while the cars circulated behind the safety car for the first three laps, peering

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS (after twelve races): Drivers: 1, M Schumacher 66pts; 2, Villeneuve 54; 3 equal, Frentzen and Alesi 22; 5, Berger 20; 6 equal, Irvine and Hakkinen 18; 8, O Pans (Fr, Prost Mugen-Honda) 15; 9 equal, Coulthard and

GRANDS PRIX TO COME: Sept 7: Italian (Monza) Sept 21: Austrian (A-1 Ring). Sept 28: Luxembourg (Nürburgring). Oct 12: Japanese (Suzuka). Oct 26: European (Jerez).

Schumacher was born barely 90 kilometres from Spa, in Kerpen. The top step of the podium here is his second home. Another vulpine smile crossed his face as he stood there yesterday afternoon, flashing a thumbs-up sign at the hordes of German supporters. "My mind was empty," he claimed. It certainly makes a change.

Olazabal roars back into Cup contention

open to Severiano Ballesteros, the Europe captain, in Munich on Sunday evening, when he announces his team for the match in Valderrama next month, the best is the one in which Olazabal remains in the top ten and, therefore, gets a place as of right. This will free Ballesteros to select Nick Faldo and Jesper Parnevik as his wild cards.

"It looks like I'll be doing the

chasing next week [in the BMW International]." Harrington, who will be 26 on Sunday, said, "It was hard to be patient when I was making pars and I needed to make birdies. It might suit me,

This was not any other week, though. It has been dominated by the Ryder Cup. As Colin Montgomerie put it as he warmed up for what would be a disappointing last round of 75: "When was the last time we went for a day without the words, Ryder Cup?" The answer is many months ago.

Smith fails in medal quest

The cheering from the 5 per cent (50 people) of his home village of Chignolo who came to support him was destined to

Calleja said: "We simply don't know what went wrong at this stage." Smith shook his head and was too lost in his

Snitko was second, some nine seconds behind and four seconds down on Smith's British record, while Ukrainian team-mate Denis Zavgorodny, who passed the Briton at 1300 metres, was third. Smith

Smith and Peters face struggle to the last

Gladwell flying high

Two more world records fall

Barmasai, the latest in a long series of Kenyan steeplechase specialists, ran the 3,000



Johansson: outstanding

Wigton savour victory

Thirlstone have edge

Coles is disqualified

Kane widens gap

Sri Lanka clean up

CRICKET: Sri Lanka, the world champions, completed a clean sweep in the one-day international series against India with a nine-run victory in the third and final game in Colombo yesterday. Sri Lanka made 264 thanks to a superb 104 from Aravinda de Silva and then restricted India to 255 for eight.

Promoter holds talks with rebel riders

ALLAN HAM, the Bradford promoter, has held talks with his club's three England riders in an effort to rescue the national side's chances of success against Australia in the second international match at Swindon on September 14.

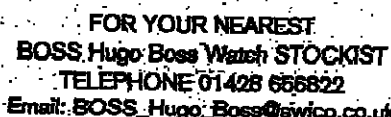
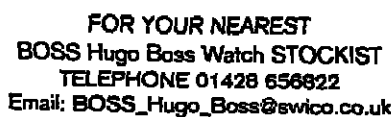
The British Speedway Promoters Association (BSPA) declared last week that the match would go ahead, even if Gary

The three riders claimed that Louis, who is also Ipswich co-promoter, had not acted in the best interests of the national side during his tenure. Their most recent complaint was that Louis did not select his son, Chris, who rides for Ipswich, for an international at Eidsbourne.

Without Loram and Screen, in particular, England would struggle to defeat an Australian side, which boasts three Swindon track specialists.

Ham met the three riders after Bradford's victory over Swindon at Odsal Stadium on Saturday night and described the talks as "fruitful and positive".

He plans to discuss the situation again with Terry Russell, the BSRA chairman.



Australia's last-Test weakness surfaces again as Tufnell's guile decides Oval thriller

England end on unforgettable high

Atherton insists on delaying the inevitable

Despite strong support, Alan Lee believes that the England captain will step down

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE OVAL (third day of five)
England beat Australia by 19 runs

IT ENDED as it had begun, 11 long weeks ago, with a euphoric mid-pitch bear-hug between Michael Atherton and Alec Stewart and the ritual celebratory invasion of the pavilion. For Edgbaston, read Kennington. Both were stunning England victories but for the interim decline and despair, they would have made for a famous summer.

After a night of celebrations came the sober, Sunday dawn of rueful reflection, a run through the if-onlys of an Ashes series that was always riveting, even if — for the English — sometimes gruesome. There were any number of potential turning-points but the final, unforgiving analysis is that England were once more beaten by a superior side.

They could and should have lost at the Oval, too, after their

series. "I am regretful that we missed some opportunities but when the crunch came, in the vital middle-Tests, Australia were the better side. I think we have got stronger, but I also think this is the best Australian side I have played against."

Rich consolation, then, to have beaten them, especially in such unpromising circumstances. Atherton admitted that England fell way below a par total of "around 300" on Thursday but added: "This pitch turned more than any I have seen in England in recent years."

Mark Taylor, his counterpart, was still blunter. "If you put out wickets that are substandard you are going to get a shorter game," he said. "Though I am not saying the scores should have been quite that low."

This qualifying remark was some understatement. The pitch was poor and the authorities at Surrey must investigate how it came to start so flakily dry that the ball was chipping pieces off the surface on the opening day. But it was not an unplayable pitch and not one to sustain the reality of a game in which 40 wickets fell in three days at an average of 15 runs.

Remarkably, given the fact that the ball turned so lavishly and that England's match-winner was Tufnell, Shane Warne took a modest four wickets. This was just the type of pitch England have been so desperate to avoid, believing Warne would make life impossible. What irony, then, that when they encounter such a surface, they should win.

Warne, it must be said, was severely hindered on Saturday by a groin strain, though he still hobbled in, almost unchanged, through the remainder of the England innings. He also took two important wickets, the first of them through a dreadful, off-balance curve by Nasser Hussain off the third ball of the day.

That might have been a precursor to an England debacle. Instead, Graham Thorpe and Mark Ramprakash put together the biggest stand of the match. Between them, they made all but 33 of England's runs from the bat, which speaks as highly for their efforts as it does for those of their colleagues.

Thorpe made the only half-century of the game and picked up England's player-of-the-series award, not bad for one who was close to being left out after four Tests. His 62



Atherton, pursued by Hussain, cannot contain his joy in the moment of victory after Australia had been dismissed for 104

was a vibrant effort, exolling the virtue of dispatching every bad ball and refusing to allow Warne to dictate.

The England lead had extended to 91 when Thorpe fell. Seven runs later, Adam Hildoke was leg-before, back on his stumps and pushing across Kaspravic's line. His past three scores have been 2, 0 and 4, hardly an endorsement of his credentials to play, let alone lead.

The seventh wicket now added 22 priceless runs. And Caddick made none of them and, indeed, was still on nought after facing 37 balls when the innings ended. Yet his batting was as crucial as his later bowling, for it enabled England to set a target, no matter how puny it seemed.

Ramprakash had played with purpose and character, a

treat for those supporters who have suffered his every twitch at this level. Finally, his positive footwork against Warne betrayed him and he was stumped for 48, whereupon, with depressing familiarity, the tail collapsed.

The last four wickets were lost for three runs, the last three falling in a single over that improved Kaspravic's figures from four for 36 to seven for 36. This was the best analysis by an Australian at the Oval since 1912 and emphasised the ability of this team to produce a bowler for every occasion.

Australia needed only 124 and, when Malcolm's third ball was dismissed to the cover boundary by Elliott, few in the ground can have doubted the outcome. His next, however, swung in to trap Elliott in

front. It was Malcolm's only positive contribution of the match, but a significant one.

Atherton brought on Tufnell for the seventh over, with 100 needed. Caddick quickly joined him, the last change required. Together, they bowled the remaining 25 overs and shared nine Australian wickets, to the growing hysteria of a disbelieving crowd.

Tufnell's control seldom faltered and neither, on this occasion, did that of Caddick. Atherton's captaincy was splendid, right through to the play of calling for an extra drinks interval to exhort the flagging Caddick to one final effort. Australia batted dismally, of course, but credit for that lay with the England bowlers doing what has rarely come naturally and maintaining pressure.

The sixth-wicket stand between Ponting and Healy put on 34, threatening disappointment, but they were out in consecutive overs, bringing in Warne, with a runner, at 92 for seven. This time, his aggression brought no reward, Martin holding a nerve-shredding catch at long-off to dismiss him.

Kaspravic obligingly jabbed Caddick to the man posted at short extra cover for the purpose and McGrath's death-or-glory swing at Tufnell looped off the leading edge to mid-off. Thorpe, plunging forward, lost his sunglasses but not the ball.

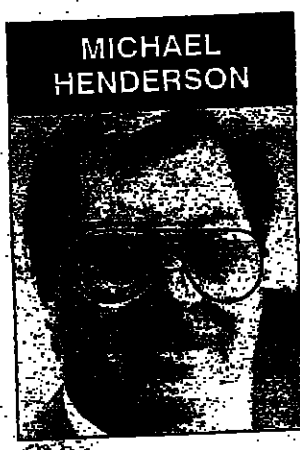
The ground erupted. "A nice way to end the series," said Atherton, composed and enigmatic behind a grin last sighted at Birmingham in early June.

Caddick confounds his critics

It was as though everybody had been swept down the hole with Alice. Out on the Oval's big field there was a clamorous tea party as the crowd sang about "walking in a Tufnell's wonderland". Of course, they serenaded Hutton and Compton like that in 1953, when the Ashes came home for the first time in 19 years.

"Ashes coming home" that was the theme song of the first Test, way back in June. A lot of water has flowed under Vauxhall Bridge since then and the astonishing events of Saturday afternoon make an unsatisfactory dam. England won, brilliantly, but the series had been lost by then and, as a direct consequence of that failure, another captain will soon be lost.

There was something cyclical about the way the series began and ended. In the first innings at Edgbaston, when Australia were bowled out in 32 overs for 118, Andy Caddick took five for 40. On Saturday he took five for 42 as England rolled them over for 104 in 32.1 overs. He took 24 wickets in the series, so what on earth was he doing missing the crucial Headingley Test?



At the Oval

Caddick left the ground in high dudgeon, as well he might. Against the captain's judgment, and on little more than a fancy, Mike Smith was chosen for a match that England had to win. It is hard on Smith, who was written up excessively beforehand, but the fact remains he is a bowler of no obvious Test potential. One strike against David Graveney there.

It was felt that Caddick bowled indifferently at Old Trafford and, fair enough, he does offer the batsmen too many bad balls. But, with his height and bounce, he will also trouble Test players more frequently than other English bowlers of his pace.

He and Tufnell, another man not wholly trusted by the selectors, won this match, and won it in a way few people will ever see again.

Four years after his debut Caddick remains a man who divides opinion. Those who regard him as England's most threatening bowler are matched in number by those who consider him gifted but temperamentally flawed. People have been known to pat their top pocket and say, "there's not very much here".

Even at the Oval he was used as the first-change bowler in both innings. He made up for it with wickets, eight in the match, and will surely go to the Caribbean after Christmas as one of the two new-ball bowlers, with Darren Gough. Dean Headley should be the third fast bowler. If all three remain fit, and it is a big if, that attack

must be England's best hope, at least until Dominic Cork regains form and full match fitness.

The man England have missed most in the past couple of years was playing for Middlesex at Chester-le-Street on Saturday. Angus Fraser remains the best "English" bowler available and, on his good days, he still looks the part. Yesterday he denied that he had been approached to coach the quicker bowlers ("I'm still hoping to play myself") but admitted that, in time, he could see the attractions of such a job.

Fraser played in the corresponding Test at the end of 1993, taking eight wickets in the match as Michael Atherton claimed his first victory as captain.

England's record at the Oval against Australia gives them 15 wins against five defeats, compared with the five-12 imbalance at Lord's. In fact, the Oval and Edgbaston are the only Test-match grounds where England have the edge on Australia. Isn't it time they played the first Test of the summer at Kennington, instead of the last?

FULL FINAL SCOREBOARD FROM THE OVAL

ENGLAND: First Innings M A Butcher b McGrath 5 (22min, 24 balls) *M A Atherton c Healy b McGrath 5 (17min, 17 balls) J A Stewart b McGrath 36 (104min, 73 balls, 4 fours) N Hussain c Elliott b McGrath 35 (139min, 114 balls, 4 fours) G P Thorpe b McGrath 27 (51min, 35 balls, 3 fours) M R Ramprakash c Blewett 6 (18min, 6 balls) A J Hollidge b Warne 4 (3min, 1 ball) A R Caddick not out 26 (63min, 36 balls, 1 six, 4 fours) P J Martin b McGrath 20 (23min, 19 balls, 1 six, 1 four) P C R Tufnell c Blewett b Warne 1 (20min, 20 balls) D E Malcolm b Kaspravic 0 (3min, 1 ball) Extras (b 2, lb 6, nb 10) 18 Total (56.4 overs, 240min) 180 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18 (Atherton 7), 2-24 (Butcher 5), 3-37 (Hussain 35), 4-128 (Thorpe 27), 5-131 (Ramprakash 6), 6-132 (Caddick 6), 7-132 (Caddick 6), 8-159 (Caddick 6), 9-175 (Caddick 21) BOWLING: McGrath 21-4-76-7; Kaspravic 11-4-56-1; Warne 17-8-32-2; Young 7-3-8-0		AUSTRALIA: First Innings M T G Elliott b Tufnell 12 (51min, 33 balls, 1 four) *M A Taylor c Healy b Tufnell 38 (60min, 42 balls, 7 fours) G S Blewett c Stewart b Tufnell 47 (159min, 122 balls, 1 six, 3 fours) M E Waugh c Butcher b Tufnell 19 (80min, 69 balls, 2 fours) S R Waugh b Caddick 22 (51min, 34 balls, 2 fours) R T Ponting c Hussain b Tufnell 40 (124min, 96 balls, 1 six, 3 fours) H A Healy c Stewart b Tufnell 2 (50min, 34 balls)		ENGLAND: Second Innings M A Butcher b M E Waugh 13 (60min, 48 balls, 2 fours) *M A Atherton c S R Waugh b Kaspravic 8 (20min, 21 balls, 1 four) J A Stewart b Healy b Kaspravic 3 (23min, 20 balls) N Hussain c Elliott b Warne 2 (23min, 20 balls) G P Thorpe c Taylor b Kaspravic 62 (130min, 115 balls, 9 fours) M R Ramprakash c Healy b Warne 4 (149min, 110 balls, 6 fours) A J Hollidge b Kaspravic 4 (14min, 10 balls, 1 four) A R Caddick not out 0 (49min, 37 balls) P J Martin c Kaspravic 3 (5min, 2 balls)		AUSTRALIA: Second Innings *M A Taylor b Caddick 18 (47min, 34 balls, 2 fours) M T G Elliott b Malcolm 4 (2min, 3 balls, 1 four) G S Blewett c Stewart b Caddick 19 (57min, 36 balls, 3 fours) M E Waugh c Hussain b Tufnell 1 (7min, 7 balls) S R Waugh c Thorpe b Caddick 8 (21min, 19 balls) R T Ponting b Tufnell 20 (47min, 35 balls, 3 fours) H A Healy c b Caddick 14 (30min, 17 balls, 2 fours) S Young not out 4 (42min, 24 balls, 1 four) S K Warne c Martin b Tufnell 3 (7min, 5 balls) M S Kaspravic c Hollidge 4 (22min, 13 balls) G D McGrath c Thorpe b Tufnell 1 (5min, 2 balls) Extras (b 3, lb 4, nb 2) 10 Total (52.1 overs, 152min) 104 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5 (Elliott 1), 2-36 (Blewett 11), 3-42 (Blewett 15), 4-49 (S R Waugh 2), 5-54 (Ponting 1), 6-88 (Healy 10), 7-92 (Young 0), 8-95 (Young 0), 9-99 (Young 0) BOWLING: Malcolm 9-0-15-1 (3 fours, one six), Martin 4-0-13-0 (1 four, one six), Tufnell 13-1-6-27-4 (nb 2, 2 fours, one six), Caddick 12-2-42-5 (4 fours, one six) SCORING NOTES: Third day: Test: 50-4 (15 overs, 68min; S R Waugh 3, Ponting 0). All out at 5.24pm England won by 19 runs. Match award: P C R Tufnell (Adjudicator: A R Lewis). Series awards: G P Thorpe and G D McGrath. Umpires: L H Barker (West Indies) and P Wiley. Third umpire: K E Palmer. Match referee: C W Smith (West Indies). Compiled by Bill Frindall	
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Tufnell: 11 for 93 overall

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Stylish Lombardo provides brain to undermine the brawn of Leeds

Charitable strikers put Kinnear in cold sweat



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WEDNESDAY (4-4-72): K. Pressnath
P. Blomquist, J. Newsome, D. Walker, I. Molten — P.
Carlo, G. Hyde, P. Atherton, M. Pernando (sub:
C. Collins, 85) — A. Booth, B. Carbone
(sub: J. Andrews, 85)



EVERTON (4-2-2). N. Southall — E. Barrett, D. Watson, S. Batic, T. Phelan — G. Stewart, D. Williamson (sub: C. Short, 79min); G. Francis (sub: J. Coker, 58), G. Speed — D. Ferguson, N. Barry.

WEST HAM UNITED (5-2-1-2). I. Ashworth — T. Breacker (sub: J. Davis, 57), M. Rapier, R. Ferdinand, D. Urwin, S. Lacerda (sub: M. Hughes, 82) — S. Lomas, J. Milner — E. Sadovici (sub: F. Lampard, 32) — J. Harrison, P. Kinnear.


Referee: P. Jones.

GOVENTRY CITY 442: 30—Gibson—Gibson
R. Shira, P. Williams, D. Schaefer—F. Teller, K.
Richardson, T. E. Schaefer, J. J. Gohard, 75men,
J. Schaefer—D. Schaefer, D. Huchelby
BOLTON WANDERERS 442: 40—Branigan—N
C. Schaefer, P. Schaefer, 45, G. Schaefer, G. Taggart, R.
Elliott—J. Schaefer, P. Schaefer—A. Thompson, S.
Schaefer—J. Schaefer, 1200, P. Schaefer, 50, N
Schaefer
Branigan, 1200

After the break, Everton abandoned route one as too complicated and went for something a little more direct. West Ham, defending

far too deeply, could not cope and the home side won the game. The goals came in the 66th and 83rd minutes, Watson arguably getting the last touch on a Speed header from a corner, and then Stuart belying a display of spectacular incompetence by converting a chance crafted in the Goodison School of Science. Well, there was

School of Science. Well, there was



Watson: deflection

Bergkamp shows rare skill to put the record straight



Bergkamp's brilliance overshadowed Wright's pursuit

AMID the welter of statistics, the thousands of column inches and the weeks of hype surrounding Ian Wright and that record, it was all too easy to forget that alongside him at Arsenal is a forward who has bridged the gulf that separates the merely very good from the world-class.

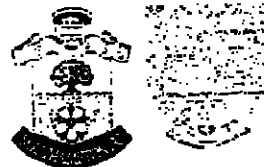
When push came to shove at The Dell on Saturday — or, more accurately, when tackle came to kick and rivals came to blows — Wright got mad. Dennis Bergkamp just got even.

To say that Wright was an entirely peripheral figure would be to overstate the case, as he did play a vital role in the creation of the first two Arsenal goals, but it was soon apparent that a combination of external pressure and internal combustion would prove too potent a mix. Granted two opportunities to equal Cliff Bastin's club goalscoring record, he snatched wildly at the first and hesitated uncharacteristically at the second. He also got himself booked (no change there, then). So, too, did Bergkamp; but

there the similarities end. For while Wright allowed himself to be dragged into the feuding that the Southampton defence in general, and Benali in particular, seemed intent on provoking, Bergkamp sought more meaningful retribution.

His two second-half goals were designed in heaven and delivered with venom, a cold and calculated exhibition that prompted Arsene Wenger, his manager, to draw comparisons with a master of temperament from another age and sport: Bjorn Borg.

Ahead early on through Overmars (Wright claiming an assist), pegged back by Maddison's scrambled header and seeking to re-establish the lead their greater fluency deserved, Arsenal were not having the best of luck. Vieira's header was blocked on the line by Oakley. Jones saved with aplomb from Bergkamp, had Southampton accepted that the fates were with them, they might even have secured their first FA Carling Premiership point of the season.



SOUTHAMPTON 1
ARSENAL 3
By Keith Pike

Instead, they raised the game'smanship stakes and Bergkamp collected. The Dutchman was clearly not best pleased when Benali prompted an off-the-ball scuffle, even less so when Monkou went unpunished for trying to remove his shirt in the penalty area. So when, in the 58th minute, he received the ball some five yards inside the Southampton half and with space in which to operate, he set to work.

Turning quickly, he took the direct route. There were six defenders between him and goal,

but none had the pace to get to him. Wright made a telling run in front of him to maximise the opening and Bergkamp burst through before changing direction, left to right, and curling a low shot into the bottom corner. The ball was never out of his control; it, the crowd — and the Southampton defence — were mesmerised.

One might have thought that Benali and Co would have learnt. Wrong. Twenty minutes later they tried Bergkamp again, persuading David Elleray to caution him when the evidence appeared flimsy. Within seconds, Bergkamp had punished them again, arrogantly dismissing Benali's desperate lunge and shooting from 18 yards so cleanly, with such anger and relish, that Jones had not moved a muscle before it hit the roof of the net.

Southampton might yet have saved themselves. Davies and Evans wasted late chances, but Arsenal were as superior as their larger transfer budget suggested they should be, and in Bergkamp, Wenger agreed, they have a

special talent who could yet be rewarded with a title. "In Europe, people speak of Baggio, Del Piero and others, and Dennis is in the same class," Wenger said.

"Sometimes you cannot do things collectively and have to rely on individual brilliance. Dennis has it. He gets angry and frustrated (at being fouled) but does not show it. In terms of temperament, he is like Borg that way."

And Wright? Wenger did not make direct comparisons, but said of Wright's "obsession" with the record: "We tried to convince him, and he tried to convince himself. That the most important thing is how the team plays, but is that really possible? I don't think so." Wright may score more goals than Bergkamp, but even at 33 there is much he could learn from him.

SOUTHAMPTON (4-2-2): P. Jones — J. Dodd, K. Monkou, F. Benali, T. Todd — M. Galloway (sub: Hughes, 60min), J. McCarthy, M. Maddison, D. Spence (sub: M. Evans, 74) — V. Dorrer, E. Cornwell (sub: S. Johnson, 47).
ARSENAL (4-4-2): D. Seaman — R. Bardsley, G. Granda (sub: S. Marchant, 75), S. Board, M. Westwood — I. Wright, S. P. (sub: D. Platt, 65), P. Jones, M. Overmars (sub: L. S. Morris, 87) — I. Wright, D. Bergkamp.
Referee: D. Elleray

Rovers reaping instant dividends from investment in enlightened management Blackburn draw on new-found harmony



BLACKBURN ROVERS 1
LIVERPOOL 1
By Oliver Holt
Football Correspondent

THE rain had begun to fall in long, straight lines over Ewood Park early on Saturday afternoon and the woman taking the pound coins at the car-park entrance had just pulled a blue cagoule over her head when a smile began to spread over her face. She had spotted a driver with a deep, dark summer holiday tan a few cars away. "Another one been to Blackpool, then," she said.

Two hundred yards away, on the other side of the one-way system, the supporters eating their pre-match meals at the wooden tables outside McDonald's were oblivious to the weather, wrapped up in their conversations and their Chris Sutton team shirts, filled with anticipation about the match ahead. After a couple of seasons in the doldrums, local Lancashire pride is surging again.

In their new manager, Roy Hodgson, Blackburn Rovers have found what is for them the perfect combination of someone started with the sophistication and the glamour that comes from guiding a team in the upper echelons of Serie A, but who is also a natural communicator, an articulate, bouncy, media-friendly motivator, someone who is relishing life in the FA Carling Premiership. Three games have gone this season and already the dour reign of Ray Harford is a bad memory.

Hodgson has made signings, of course, and one of them, Martin Dahlin, got up off the substitutes' bench on Saturday to score the goal that gave Blackburn a point against Liverpool and kept them at the top of the table, on goal difference, ahead of more fancied teams such as Arsenal and Manchester United.

But, more than anything, there is a new mood at Ewood Park. The two players whose unhappiness had been affecting dressing-room morale, Graeme Le Saux and Henning Berg, have been allowed to leave in exchange for a combined fee of £10 million and improved camaraderie. There is a new sense of cohesion and vitality about



Dahlin displays Blackburn's strength in depth by scoring the equaliser against Liverpool after coming off the substitutes' bench. Photograph: Jeff Mitchell

Blackburn that has been lacking since the days of Kenny Dalglish, a sense that they are marching with purpose again.

Against a Liverpool team who turned in their best performance of the season but have still gathered only two points from a possible nine, Blackburn enjoyed extended periods of domination, and when they fell behind against the run of play, Hodgson found that he had enough reserves of quality on the bench to unsettle the visitors and fight back.

Ince was outstanding again in the Liverpool midfield, making run after unrewarded run into Blackburn's box in the hope of latching on to passes that never came, but

Flitcroft, looking as good as he has done at any time since his move from Manchester City in the spring of 1996, was a match for him. On the right flank, Ripley embarrassed Harkness and Bjornebye; on the left, Wilcox forced Jones back into what rapidly became a Liverpool back five.

Blackburn forced eight corners in the first 22 minutes and their best chance from all of them came when James punched the ball weakly out to Wilcox. His shot deflected off Kvarme and looped towards the goal, where McManaman leapt into the air to head it off the line.

By then, though, Riedle had wasted the best opportunity of the

half for Liverpool when he shrugged aside Henchoz to meet Kvarme's long ball, but squeezed his left-foot shot just wide of Filan's left-hand post. Ten minutes before half-time, the German striker, nearly atoned for his error when he thundered a header against the Blackburn bar from Jones's cross.

Eight minutes into the second half, though, Liverpool took the lead. Just inside the Liverpool half, Wilcox foolishly attempted to play a square ball across his defence. Owen, still deputising for the injured Fowler, blocked it and chased after it as it flew into the air. His pace took him beyond the chasing defenders and he side-footed his shot calmly through

Filan's legs for his second goal of the season.

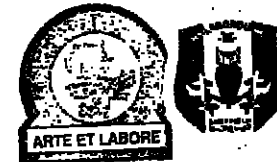
McManaman, who looked shorn of confidence in his first game back after the collapse of his move move to Barcelona, missed an excellent chance to put the game beyond reach when he played a fine one-two with Riedle in the 65th minute but his tame shot at Filan when he was clean through.

With time running out, Hodgson brought on Dahlin for Wilcox and Bohinen for McKinlay, and seven minutes from time, Blackburn got the equaliser they deserved. Bohinen played a one-two with Sutton, and when the ball squirted to Dahlin, the Swede placed it unerringly past James.

"Sometimes you can take advantage of another team's desire to equalise as a springboard for a bigger lead," Hodgson said, "but luckily Liverpool did not do that to us today. The most positive thing for us was that we went behind for the first time this season and I found out that we have the character and the determination to fight back from it. It might be early in the season, but it's nice to be in the position we're in."

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): J. Filan — P. Vallerby, C. Hendry, S. Henchoz (sub: I. Pearce, 56min), J. Fennell, S. Ripley, G. Pearce (sub: W. Morrison (sub: J. Bannister, 75), J. Wilcox (sub: M. Morrison, 67) — C. Sutton, J. Galloway, D. Platt (sub: S. P. 55-2) — D. James — S. T. Kvarme, M. Thompson, S. Harkness, R. Jones, S. McManaman, P. Ince, M. Thomas, S. I. Bjornebye — M. Owen, K. Riedle (sub: P. Berger, 79).
Referee: S. Lodge

Hodgson's charges get chance to pull clear



BLACKBURN ROVERS
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY
Today, 8.0

BLACKBURN Rovers can go three points clear of the chasing Premiership pack if they beat last season's early pace-setters, Sheffield Wednesday, at Ewood Park tonight (Oliver Holt writes).

Roy Hodgson's team played with verve and invention against Liverpool on Saturday and looked to have the strength in depth and the talent to remain viable challengers long into the league marathon — even if they are, perhaps, not quite capable of wrenching the title away from the cabal of Manchester United, Arsenal, Newcastle United and Liverpool.

Hodgson is likely to start with the team that dominated the first half against the Merseysiders even though Martin Dahlin, his £1.6 million signing from AS Roma in the summer, pressed his claims with the opportunistic equaliser and Lars Bohinen impressed when he came on. Stéphane Henchoz is expected to have recovered from the head wound that forced him to be substituted in the first half.

Wednesday, after losses to Newcastle United and Leeds United, secured their first point at Selhurst Park on Saturday, courtesy of some sloppy finishing by Wimbledon. Somehow, it seems as though a season of toil beckons for David Platt's team, although the unpredictable Paolo Di Canio may be their salvation.

It should be a fine, open game at Ewood Park, an advertisement for two of the best managerial brains in the sport, but unless Wednesday dredge up hitherto unseen reserves of strength and skill, Blackburn's reign at the top of the league will last for a few days more at the least.

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): J. Filan — P. Vallerby, C. Hendry, S. Henchoz, J. Fennell — W. Collier, S. Carbone, P. Adeniran, P. G. Carr — A. Booth, R. Humphreys.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-4-2): K. Pressman — P. Blomqvist, D. Walker, D. Sheehan, I. Nelson — W. Collins, S. Carbone, P. Adeniran, P. G. Carr — A. Booth, R. Humphreys.

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■ PREDICTION: Blackburn to win by one goal.

Newcastle revel in work ethic



NEWCASTLE UNITED 1
ASTON VILLA 0
By Nick Szczepanik

THIS hard-earned victory said as much about Kenny Dalglish's Newcastle United team as the 4-3 win in the equivalent fixture last season did about the Kevin Keegan version. Without Alan Shearer and Faustino Asprilla, they survived the sending-off of David Batty early in the second half, summoning up reserves of defiance and determination to deny Aston Villa their first point of the season.

"You don't get anything if you're not 100 per cent committed to each other," Dalglish said. "They showed out there that there's a great team spirit, great camaraderie and they really worked their socks off for each other."

Nobody worked harder than Ian Rush, making an unexpectedly early Newcastle debut after Colombian air-traffic controllers delayed the return of Asprilla from World Cup duty. The St James' Park crowd, which know a thing or two about centre forwards, was unanimously and noisily appreciative when Rush was withdrawn five minutes from the end. "We gave him time off for good behaviour," Dalglish quipped.

The ovation was deserved for an exemplary performance, especially when Newcastle went down to ten men. The Villa defenders were never allowed to settle, while every hurried Newcastle clearance was converted into a pinpoint pass as Rush, now the lone forward, strained to retain whatever came his way until reinforcements arrived.

But, since Rush could not find the net

with either a first-half shot or a second-half header, well held by Mark Bosnich, St James' Park looked once again to John Bercford, that most unlikely of wing scorers. Before this season, the wing back's only goals for Newcastle had been a penalty and a fluke, but, his appetite whetted by two tap-ins against Croatia Zagreb, he struck a powerful, swerving left-foot volley in the thirteenth minute that cannoned in off the crossbar.

Newcastle swarmed continually down the right, and Ketsbaia, Rush and Albert might have added to the lead before the 53rd-minute dismissal of Batty, previously booked after a spat with Stan Collymore, for a second yellow card after a late tackle on Steve Staunton.

Dalglish was unhappy with the sending-off and the performance of Gary Willard, the referee, in general. "The tackle deserved a booking, but the first

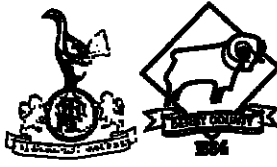
booking was a nonsense," Dalglish said. "The referee was poor, for everyone. It's a credit to the players that there was only one sending-off. Some of the decisions he made today I don't think many people will understand. We were playing well before the sending-off. Then heart, attitude and passion take over. We certainly had those in abundance."

They also had the speed of Alessandro Pistone in defence, which was needed as Villa pushed forward to try to press home their numerical advantage. Their only clear-cut chance came when Collymore, peripheral for most of the match, set up Dwight Yorke for a low shot that Shay Given turned aside to safeguard the last remaining 100 per cent record in the FA Carling Premiership.

Villa also have a perfect record — perfectly awful. "We have to draw something from that [match], although it's difficult when you've no goals, no wins and no points," Brian Little, their manager, said. "I'm not alarmed — I'm disappointed: it's anything other than we would have expected. I have to make sure we don't lose confidence or desire. Today we played better than we have, against a good side."

NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-1-1): S. Given — S. Watson, A. Pearce, P. Albert, S. Pearce — K. Gillespie, R. Lee, D. Batty, J. Bercford — T. Ketsbaia (sub: W. Barton, 56min) — J. Rush (sub: J. D. Tomlinson, 85).
ASTON VILLA (5-5-2): M. Bosnich — G. Charles, U. Ehorgho, C. Staunton, A. Scamardo (sub: F. Nelson, 70), S. Staunton (sub: A. Wright, 70) — I. Taylor, M. Diaper, S. Grayson (sub: J. Josephin, 70) — D. Yorke, S. Collymore.
Referee: G. Willard

Dominguez lifts gloom at Spurs



TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 1
DERBY COUNTY 0
By Brian Glanville

THE abiding charm of football is that its heroes come in all shapes and sizes. The new Tottenham Hotspur hero is a tiny Portuguese, once on Birmingham City's books and now a full international, who came on after 33 minutes, ran Derby County ragged and gained a free kick that brought Tottenham their goal and their first FA Carling Premiership victory of the season.

José Dominguez, who cost a mere £1.5 million from Sporting Lisbon, sent Tottenham's long-suffering supporters into raptures. There was one glorious moment when they were on their feet applauding his dexterity when, as his manager, Gerry Francis, said: "Like Johan Cruyff, with the inside of a foot, he looks as if he's going this way and then he goes that way." For most of the time, Derby had scant idea where he was going. He was elusive, fast and brave.

"He's picking the ball up and passing people," Francis said. "I've seen him kicked from pillar to post, but he picks himself up, dusts himself off and does it all over again." Dominguez said: "References nowadays are more protecting. If there's a bad kick, they protect you more."

"Protective" refereeing gave Tottenham their goal in injury time at the end of the first half and should have brought them another at the same stage of the second, when Dominguez cut into the penalty box from the left to be brought down by the hitherto impeccable Stimson. Howells banged the penalty over the crossbar.

The goal came when, again on the left, Dominguez was fouled by another Latin international, Eranio, of Italy. Sinton curled in the free kick and Calderwood thundered in to head the ball home.

Tottenham should have scored a few minutes earlier when Dominguez, after a scintillating run, crossed from the right, but Iversen, at the far post, could only shoot into the side-netting.

David Ginola, was the man who Dominguez so vibrantly replaced. Tottenham used Ginola not on the left wing, but just behind the strikers where, as Francis said, he "was not releasing it early enough". A falling that led to his departure when, heavily challenged by Carsley, he fell awkwardly and had to go off with an injury.

Dominguez admitted that he was tired by the end, having begun pre-season training late and played three reserve

games in a week, but the Derby defenders must have been wearier. "I just want to return to English football, because the atmosphere is good and I enjoy myself," he said. "I like to play for the team and if it entertains the fans, then better. That's what I missed in the last two seasons when I went to Sporting Lisbon." Dominguez said. "We have two or three big games a season. Here, it's every game." Meanwhile, he feels that he is a better player. "I was a teenager at Birmingham, very young, and sometimes I hang onto the ball a bit too much. If you don't improve, I think it's bad for the player," he said.

Jim Smith, the Derby manager, said wryly that he wished Ginola had stayed on. Initially, as he said, Derby enjoyed much more of the possession, but "in all fairness, we did lack the killer touch". Ward should have scored on 29 minutes after a neat exchange with Eranio, but his shot was weak. Derby should look sharper when Surridge, a substitute on Saturday, is fully fit and when they can call on Asanovic in midfield and Baiano, of Italy, up front. At Tottenham, they had no one like Dominguez.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (3-5-2): J. Walker — J. Scott, C. Colquhoun, J. Edinburg — S. Carr, S. Carr — D. Ginola (sub: J. Dominguez, 33min), A. Sinton (sub: A. Nelson, 70) — L. Forde, S. Henson.
DERBY COUNTY (3-5-2): M. Poom — J. Laurson, C. Duffy — S. Eranio, R. van der Laan (sub: M. Solly, 72), J. Hart (sub: D. Powell, 72), L. Carsley — D. Burton (sub: D. Slingsby, 80), A. Ward.
Referee: M. Bodenham

Albion are too sharp for ragged Wolves

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Bath are beaten at home in dying minutes despite deserving a share of the spoils

Underwood's loss dampens Newcastle spirits

Bath 13
Newcastle 20By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

NEWCASTLE did their chairman proud on Saturday. Sir John Hall, eschewing the delights of St James' Park and a footballing triumph over Aston Villa, travelled to the Recreation Ground, Bath, and watched his ambitious Falcons fly north with their first points of the Allied Dunbar Premiership season.

That they were achieved against Bath will be a fire against which Newcastle will warm themselves over the next few weeks. For all the international experience packed into their ranks, there was a tension among the Newcastle players as they prepared for their first-division baptism last week and that was evident as they struggled against a XV reduced to 14 for the entire second half.

Success, in whatever guise, will allow them to settle, although it has cost them the services of Tony Underwood. The England wing will have a scan today on the knee injury that forced him off after 25 minutes but Underwood, who missed the international against Australia last month because of hip damage sustained playing for the British Isles, is distinctly unhappy about it: if his fears of a two-month absence materialise, he will have little time to press his claims for the international programme in November.

Not that Sir John is happy with the international and club programme, anyway. Acknowledging Bath's distorted casualty list, he queried the fixture schedule, its long-term effect on players and whether the Rugby Football Union (RFU) has yet sufficient sympathy for the 24 Premiership clubs. "I'll do business with

anyone who is prepared to sit down and talk but at the moment we are just feeder clubs for England and that should not be," he said.

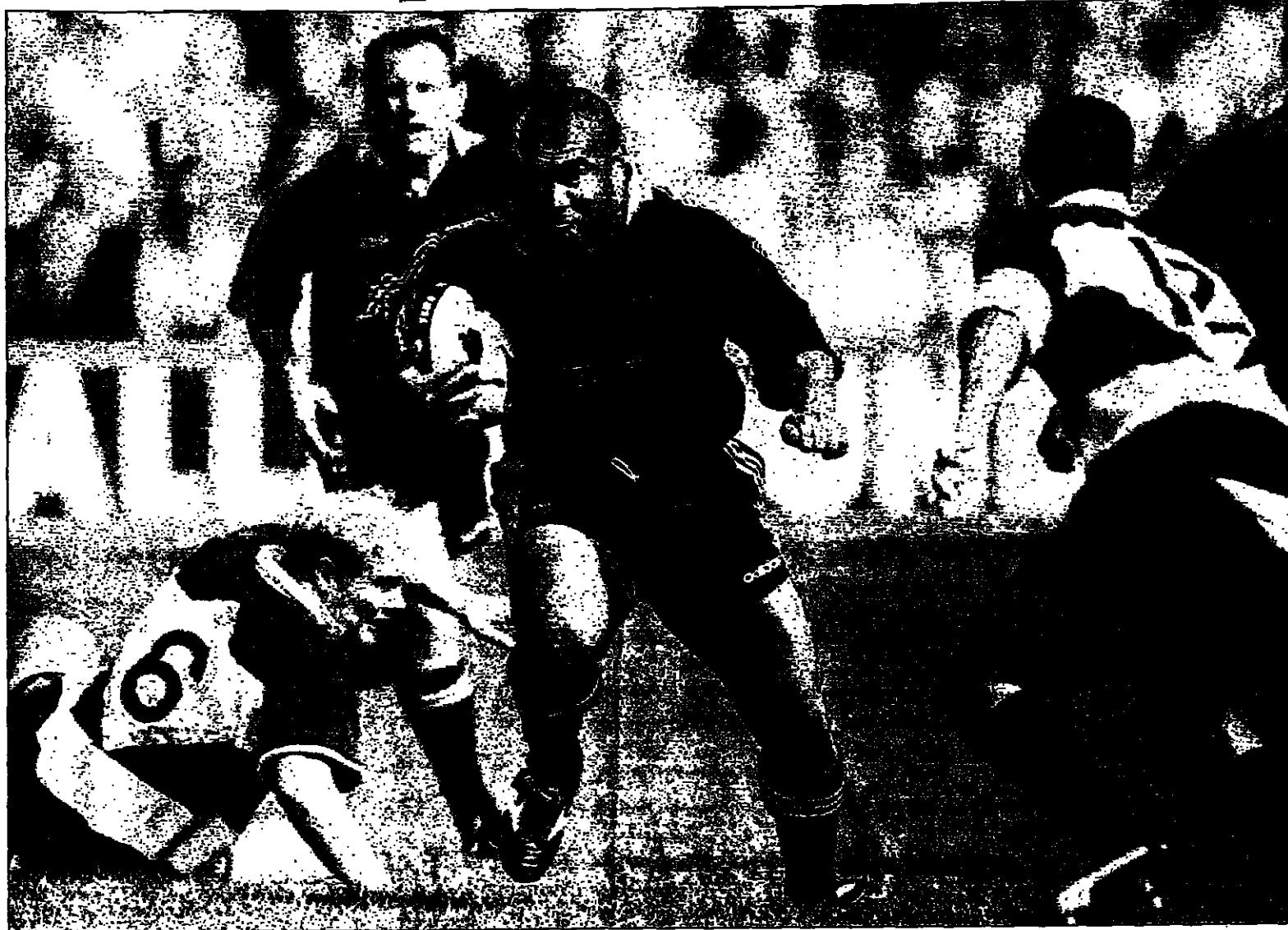
"There needs to be an accord and I've never been happy with what was achieved last year. Is there commitment from the RFU to let club rugby survive, or an agenda to dominate us as the Scottish Rugby Union have done with their clubs? We have had no recognition for what the clubs have done for players."

The RFU cuts itself in on our deals with television and sponsors. They rightfully belong to the clubs, who must control their own commercial activities. We want an accord without recourse to the European courts over ownership of TV signals; television dictates the future of professional games."

Television did not have much of a product to show from Bath, however. The lack of skills, of continuity, of the basic ability to kick a ball in the right direction made this a disappointing start to the season, marred by the dismissal of Nathan Thomas for kicking an opponent. Thomas had been on the field for less than three minutes as a replacement for the injured Webster, who then found himself debarred from returning.

But if Thomas deserved to go, so too did Dean Ryan for exacting retribution. The Newcastle captain, standing off the ruck that the Bath forwards had established after a 40-metre drive, made some distance to punch the Wales flanker and received a yellow card for his pains. It was a crucial decision by Steve Lander, the referee, because the extra man could have made the difference, in attack and defence.

Bath's reaction to adversity was typical: they carried the play to Newcastle for nearly all the second half, conceded a



Tuigamala, of Newcastle, charges forward at the Recreation Ground during a poor game marred by the dismissal of Thomas, the Bath replacement

try made by Tait and scored by Tuigamala, but levelled thanks to a delightful try from Perry with only ten minutes remaining. No one would have conceded their right to a share of the spoils, yet a minute into injury time they finally ran out of men as Naylor made a plunging run down the right and Newcastle were able to release Legg into

space with a further option wider out. None of which should disguise the poor goal-kicking, indifferent line kicking and bad ball-retention that littered the game. Neither Simpson nor Catt, after outstanding summers with the boot, could find the target consistently, though Catt believed one of his efforts was wrongly flagged

away. Were Bath right to call a five-metre scrum and a blind-side move with a seven-man pack and a scrum half who needed to be on top of his game, which Harrison was not? Bath needed to carry the ball away from Newcastle's additional numbers, to the willing young wings, Roche and Wood, and above all to

Perry. "He is one of the few under-21 players who is genuine international class," Clive Woodward, the Bath backs coach, said. "He will be right there, pressing Jerry Guscott and Phil de Glanville this season. We missed him badly in the centre."

SCORERS: Bath: Tony Perry (10m); Newcastle: Tait (10m). **CONVERSIONS:** Catt (2), Perry (2). **TRY:** Tait (10m). **GOALS:** Catt (2), Perry (2). **REFEREE:** S Lander (Liverpool).

Townsend fails to convert staying power into triumph



Townsend: poor kicking

Northampton 23
Harlequins 26

By NICOLAS ANDREWS

"WITH all the lessons learnt this year, Northampton are going to be a different force next season," Ian McGeechan, the club's director of rugby, told those at the annual dinner last May. Not on this evidence they are not.

With four Lions in the starting line-up, Northampton led at half-time and outscored Harlequins by three tries to two in the Allied Dunbar Premiership first division at Franklin's Gardens on Saturday. But by conspiring to miss seven out of ten kicks at goal, McGeechan's men threw away the chance to begin the season in style.

"Quins will think that Christmas

has come early," McGeechan said afterwards. If it had, Gregor Townsend took the role of Santa.

The Lions fly half was on the verge of a move to Cardiff last week, unhappy with his inability to hold down the No 10 shirt at Northampton. Then he apparently made his peace with McGeechan, even to the extent of agreeing to play in the centre when required.

In the continued absence of Paul Grayson, however, McGeechan picked Townsend at fly half and left Alastair Hopper, who played — and, more importantly, kicked — to such effect towards the end of last season, among the replacements. While Townsend impressed, as always, with his space-creating passes and grubber kicks into touch, his kicking for goal was abysmal.

Matt Dawson, who assumed the Northampton captaincy when Tim

Rodder departed with a hamstring problem, belatedly decided to take the kicking duties on himself, but fared no better, missing two attempts in injury time that might have tied or won the match.

McGeechan was disappointed but, as always, philosophical. "It was as much the points we gave away as the points we missed," he said, reflecting on his team's territorial advantage and at least four good try-scoring chances spurned.

Harlequins could scarcely believe their luck. They came storming out of the traps and kept the opening play alive through seven phases. But, after Will Carling went over for the opening try in the fifth minute, elation turned to trepidation as the former England captain limped off with a calf muscle injury.

"To have done all the work that he has done since June to have been as

fit as he was, it is a very big blow to get injured five minutes into the season," Andy Keast, successor to Dick Best as director of rugby at Harlequins and one of McGeechan's lieutenants in South Africa, said. "Harlequins were already giving Johnny Ngeumano, formerly of Auckland, a first-game appearance behind him as his partner. "I thought he was outstanding," Keast said.

If there were discontent and suggestions that Jason Leonard, the captain last season, was bound for Saracens, earlier in the summer, the commitment within the Harlequins squad is now, apparently, rock solid. "If you had seen us at the tenpin bowling last night, you would know that the spirit is high, the mood is good," Keast said.

"We came here with one goal — to go away with two points. We knew

it was going to be a dogfight. There is a really positive approach in the team. They want to play rugby."

So, too, do Northampton and again they did so without scoring the points when it mattered. "We have been playing positively and well for two years now," McGeechan said. "Now we have to get a level of consistency." Quite so.

SCORERS: Northampton: Tait (10m); Harlequins: Will Carling (10m). **CONVERSIONS:** Catt (2), Perry (2). **TRY:** Tait (10m). **GOALS:** Catt (2), Perry (2). **REFEREE:** S Lander (Liverpool).

Hill's side shines thanks to French polish

Gloucester 35
Bristol 13

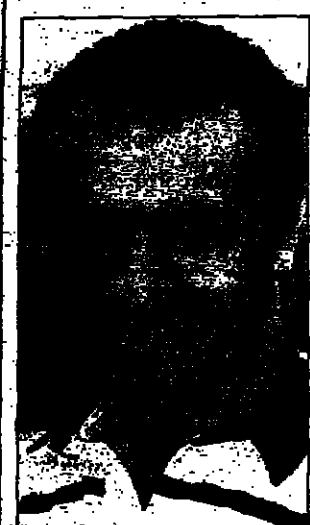
By MARK SOUSTER

WHATEVER reservations Richard Hill and Gloucester may have had over the signing of Philippe Saint-Andre, they were dispelled at Kingsholm as the club and, in particular, the supporters in the Shed, who have been weaned on pragmatism rather than panache, readily embraced a new idol. Already the dashing, bandy-legged former France captain is one of their own.

Two tries on his league debut were more than they could have expected. In his laconic manner, he agreed that it had been a "dream start", but lamented not scoring "le hat-trick". He had questioned why he had had to endure 80 pre-season training sessions without a ball in sight, but accepted that this was the English way. Give him the ball and a sniff of the try-line, though, and he showed that he will be worth every centime that Gloucester have invested in him.

Hill, the director of coaching, was delighted with Saint-Andre's contribution, his work-rate and his willingness to look for the ball. "In training he can be lax and laid-back and some of the players wondered if he was going to be any good, but they are under no illusions now. He has earned and deserves their respect," Hill said.

Sitting in the press-room afterwards with his brother, Raphaël, and a French journalist acting as translators, Saint-Andre said that it had been an interesting first day, but a lot of hard work lay ahead because the English league was the best and toughest in Europe. That was part of the appeal of coming here, as was the desire to get away from the pressures of his various business commit-



Saint-Andre: two tries

Bridgend strive to find their feet

Bridgend 22
Llanelli 21

By GERALD DAVIES

IT WOULD be reasonable enough to assume, looking at the closeness of the score, that those who were at the Brewery Field on Saturday had their heads turned with tension and excitement. With a mere point separating the contestants, a nail-biting finish was on the cards. This was not so.

On a mild, wet afternoon this proved a damp squib of a match. My scant notes contain only four lines for the second half, all of them referring to the four chances that Cull had of kicking at goal. He succeeded with two of them and missed the others. So much for notable action.

With Bridgend taking the lead with 13 minutes to go, the home team might have lifted the pace to consolidate its position, or Llanelli might have provided a final assault to regain a position that they had held for most of the match. Something, any old thing for that matter, might have been expected to happen. But the game simply whimpered complacently to a close.

The Bridgend players whooped with joy and threw their arms into the air in winning their second consecutive Welsh League premier division match. It was the kind of urgency and temper you wished they had displayed in the previous 80 minutes. This was a patternless game with neither side showing any rhythm.

Both teams committed an array of unprofessional errors, errors for which an apology might have been ac-

Richmond victory leaves room for improvement

Richmond 32
London Irish 12

By JULIAN MUSCAT

THIS was a match between two teams of vastly different ambitions. London Irish, employing largely old-fashioned rugby virtues, exceeded theirs in the opening quarter before Richmond's superior running skills gained them complete authority on their Allied Dunbar Premiership first division debut. If the exiles flattered to deceive, Richmond, at first deceived by their spirited opponents, were ultimately flattered by the margin of victory.

The hard part for John Kingston, the Richmond director of rugby, will be to seize upon his best starting line-up in the coming weeks. A sizeable close-season investment in new recruits on Saturday, Matthew Fitt, of Australia, and Jason Wright, the wing from New Zealand, added spite to a muscular back division that will stretch better sides than their near-neighbours. Yet the forwards failed to act in unison, at least in the first half, when the Irish half backs exposed frailties in their covering of the high ball.

Barry Williams, the British Isles hooker, would make a prized addition to any squad, but his throwing arm was distinctly rusty in the lineout, from which clean possession is the most valuable commodity in set play. The truth is that Richmond must improve markedly if they are to challenge for a place in Europe next season.

The team has an overwhelming desire to entertain — much to the delight of a sun-

baked audience, estimated at 5,000. Nevertheless, for much of the first half, Richmond ran some scrappy possession with dangerous ramifications. On numerous occasions the ball went to ground in midfield; too often, possession was squandered with the try-line in sight. Such profligacy was later masked by a flurry of scores, although much of that resulted from Irish less-than-willingly as the match progressed.

The best of the Richmond efforts resulted from their back-row forwards. The driving play of Quinnell and Clarke was handsomely complemented by Martin, the Argentinean, whose first appearance was full of promise. This trio generated a great deal of forward momentum, but the team's overall performance was far from convincing.

Indeed, had O'Shea not flighted a forward pass to Woods, who scampered under the posts in the thirteenth minute, the early nerves playing on Richmond would have

rendered a 16-0 deficit that might have been more difficult to retrieve. Kingston conceded as much, but cited his players' anxiety to impress in mitigation.

A discernible sense of expectation had infiltrated the Athletic Ground, and so it should, with the size of the chequebook wielded by Ashley Levett, the proprietor, the envy of many a club. Levett played down pundit predictions of a top-four finish, insisting that a mid-table berth would more than suffice.

There were signs of encouragement within this setback for London Irish. Davidson remains short of his peak after his inspired tour with the Lions, while O'Kelly, Davidson's fellow lock, excelled himself in the lineout. There is no shortage of pace among the backs, even though their collective failure to score a try reflected the absence of a cutting edge.

Sean Burns, at fly half, was accurate enough with his high kicks ahead of the pack, but such a currency has limited value in the modern game. Possession, once conceded, is not easily regained. The exiles must make better use of the ball if they are to avoid relegation.

SCORERS: Richmond: Tait (10m); London Irish: Tait (10m). **CONVERSIONS:** Catt (2), Perry (2). **TRY:** Tait (10m). **GOALS:** Catt (2), Perry (2). **REFEREE:** S Lander (Liverpool).



Clarke driving play

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TENNIS

Rusedski begins US Open attempt on crest of a wave

THE "feel-good" factor sought by all tennis players in advance of a leading tournament should come easily to Greg Rusedski at the US Open, which gets under way today at Flushing Meadow, in New York. He has usurped Tim Henman as the British No 1 and he should figure in twentieth place when the revised world rankings are published this morning.

Both achievements are important to Rusedski, who plays David Wheaton, a dangerous wild-card entrant, in the opening round. Born in Montreal, Rusedski's decision to adopt British citizenship almost certainly undermined his game more than he is prepared to admit. He is a sensitive soul: the backlash from a minority in British tennis may have surprised him by its intensity. His form duly suffered when Henman leap-frogged him on the world ladder and he has quietly set about restoring his position.

More than that, however, Rusedski, 23, has worked hard to gain recognition within the world's top 20. "I believe the [revised] rankings will confirm that I have reached my goal, which is a great reward for all the effort I have put into my game," he said yesterday. "I had a good tournament in New Haven [earlier this month], when I beat Richard Krajicek and Albert Costa to reach the semi-finals. Sure, it was disappointing to lose in two de-breaks to Jeff Tarango in Boston [last Thursday], but that may be a blessing in disguise. It has given me two quiet days to prepare."

The latter reference takes Rusedski's mind back to Wimbledon, when he attributed a lacklustre quarter-final defeat by Cedric Pioline to his physical exhaustion. "Since I came to the United States I have played the ten matches I wanted before the US Open. My preparation has gone well



Tennis correspondent

but the match with Wheaton will be difficult. He beat Mark Philippoussis at New Haven and should have beaten Petr Korda, when he had five match points.

Another mind game, and one with unsettling undertones for Rusedski, is that he has never won a match at the US Open in three previous visits. His immediate goal is to rectify that lamentable statistic.

Testud falls to Davenport

LINDSAY DAVENPORT, of the United States, overpowered the unseeded Sandrine Testud, of France, 6-4, 6-1 to win the WTA Tour US hardcourt championships in Atlanta. Davenport, 21, the No 4 seed and playing on the court where she tasted Olympic success last year, needed just 59 minutes to claim the eleventh singles title of her career.

Testud, 25, only briefly threatened an upset, when she fought back from 3-1 down in the opening set to 3-3.

tic, after which he could face Goran Ivanisevic, the No 4 seed, in the third round. "Goran has not been playing as well as he can," Rusedski reflected, "but I'm not thinking beyond my first match."

Henman will be adopting much the same philosophy. His patchy form on the hard courts of the United States left him unprotected in the draw, after which he was matched with Thomas Muster, the No 5 seed, in the opening round. However, although Muster, whose year has been blighted by injury, has hinted at a return to his best form, both Rusedski and his coach, Brian Teacher, feel Henman will start the match as favourite.

"Tim has a very good chance unless the weather is very hot and humid," Rusedski maintained. "Muster is best in those conditions. But Tim played very well to get to the quarter-finals in New Haven." Nevertheless, even if Henman obliges his compatriot's forecast, he will probably meet a reviving Wayne Ferreira in the second round. His passage is littered with daunting obstacles.

Henman, whose world ranking will slip from twentieth place this morning, has yet to match the form he showed before a wrist injury curtailed his progress in March. He has occasionally burst into life, as he did at Wimbledon, when he dismantled Krajicek, but his summer has been punctuated by defeats at the hands of lower-ranked players.

Intriguingly, Henman decided to forsake tournament play last week, and a chance for ranking points, in favour of prolonged practice. This measured approach, favoured by the game's elite, suggests Henman means business, yet he advanced to the quarter-finals 12 months ago on the back of a prominent showing in Montreal the previous week. It will be interesting to



Henman, left, and Rusedski, who carry British hopes, face difficult opening matches at Flushing Meadow

see what dividend his strategy yields.

Fittingly, Flushing Meadow's new showcase, the 20,000-seater Arthur Ashe Court, may play host to Andre Agassi, the showman who has plummeted from the heights. Agassi has recently shown glimpses of his old ability but the man to beat is undoubtedly

by Pete Sampras, who is honing in on an eleventh grand-slam title. The defending champion and three times a previous winner, Sampras, the world No 1, stands just two grand-slam titles short of Roy Emerson's all-time record. Although Sampras can be vulnerable in excessive heat, his grim determination was

displayed 12 months ago, when he vomited on court while gaining a five-set victory over Alex Corretja. "I feel like I'm tough to beat over five sets," Sampras said last week. "I put so much emphasis on the majors that I'm ready to play when the first match comes round."

Equally hard to beat in the

women's event will be Martina Hingis, the youngest top seed in US Open history. Hingis, 16, has sustained just two defeats in tournament play this year. While Monica Seles, seeded second, has put her Wimbledon disappointments behind her, the gap between her and Hingis surely remains too wide to bridge.

DRAW FOR THE US OPEN AT FLUSHING MEADOW

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RACING

Haami tests classic case in Solario

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THE Solario Stakes at Sandown on Friday could test the claims of next year's 2000 Guineas, John Dunlop is using the group three seven-furlong event as a stepping stone for his unbeaten Haami, quoted as 12-1 third favourite for the 'culls' classic with William Hill.



Dunlop: stepping stone

The Lambourn trainer said: "We will also have a look at the Futurity Stakes at the Curragh on Saturday, but he is more likely to run at Sandown. I was pleased with him at Goodwood as he was very green. The winner is a

Nunthorpe Stakes third, could run in the Breeders' Cup Sprint at Hollywood Park in November, his trainer, William Muir, said yesterday.

But before any decision is taken about an American trip, the six-year-old will have another tilt at group one success in the Haydock Park Sprint Cup a week on Saturday.

Muir was delighted with the way his charge battled on over five furlongs at York last Thursday to finish just a head behind the dead-heaters Coastal Bluff and Ya Malak.

"I am taking absolutely nothing away from either Coastal Bluff or Ya Malak, but I think Averti might have won if he hadn't been squeezed," the trainer said.

"He has to be ridden from behind so you have to expect traffic problems sometimes. But he was finishing best of all and being held up for two or three strides definitely cost him ground. I have always thought he was better at six furlongs and, with Royal Appliance likely to bowl down him in the Sprint Cup, he should get the fast pace he needs."

"If we could win a group one with him, he might get an invitation to the Breeders' Cup and, although I am not sure if he will be in top form at that stage of the season, I have no doubts that he would be suited by everything else over there."

Hills has alternative plans for his other Sandown entry Nautical Star, winner of an Ayr maiden. "He will probably go to Baden-Baden next Sunday for a seven-furlong listed race," he reported.

Twelve two-year-olds were entered yesterday for the Solario Stakes, a race won by such top juveniles as Alhaarth, Be My Chief and High Estate in recent years. Other notable entries include Sharp Play, runner-up to King Of Kings at the Curragh last weekend, and Godolphin's unbeaten Almutawak.

Meanwhile, Averti, the

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Goodwood

Going: good to firm
2.15 (1m) 1. Pentalis (1) (Dettori, 3-41), 2. Polo Sky (13-8), 3. Book At Bedtime (9-1), 4. N. 11 (11-1), 5. Chatterbox (10-1), 6. 20-1, 7. 20-1, 8. 20-1, 9. 20-1, 10. 20-1, 11. 20-1, 12. 20-1, 13. 20-1, 14. 20-1, 15. 20-1, 16. 20-1, 17. 20-1, 18. 20-1, 19. 20-1, 20. 20-1, 21. 20-1, 22. 20-1, 23. 20-1, 24. 20-1, 25. 20-1, 26. 20-1, 27. 20-1, 28. 20-1, 29. 20-1, 30. 20-1, 31. 20-1, 32. 20-1, 33. 20-1, 34. 20-1, 35. 20-1, 36. 20-1, 37. 20-1, 38. 20-1, 39. 20-1, 40. 20-1, 41. 20-1, 42. 20-1, 43. 20-1, 44. 20-1, 45. 20-1, 46. 20-1, 47. 20-1, 48. 20-1, 49. 20-1, 50. 20-1, 51. 20-1, 52. 20-1, 53. 20-1, 54. 20-1, 55. 20-1, 56. 20-1, 57. 20-1, 58. 20-1, 59. 20-1, 60. 20-1, 61. 20-1, 62. 20-1, 63. 20-1, 64. 20-1, 65. 20-1, 66. 20-1, 67. 20-1, 68. 20-1, 69. 20-1, 70. 20-1, 71. 20-1, 72. 20-1, 73. 20-1, 74. 20-1, 75. 20-1, 76. 20-1, 77. 20-1, 78. 20-1, 79. 20-1, 80. 20-1, 81. 20-1, 82. 20-1, 83. 20-1, 84. 20-1, 85. 20-1, 86. 20-1, 87. 20-1, 88. 20-1, 89. 20-1, 90. 20-1, 91. 20-1, 92. 20-1, 93. 20-1, 94. 20-1, 95. 20-1, 96. 20-1, 97. 20-1, 98. 20-1, 99. 20-1, 100. 20-1, 101. 20-1, 102. 20-1, 103. 20-1, 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Charitable strikers put Kinnear in cold sweat



AMULET
WEDNESDAY
By Peter Robinson

The dog days of August may be loathed by newspaper editors for their lack of real news, but they have a history of producing interesting economic data and some stunning market movements. In August 1988, the release of the trade figures delivered a bombshell.

A huge jump in the deficit made it clear that Britain was in the midst of a serious boom and interest rates were immediately raised to 12 per cent. The trade figures have had a quiet time of it recently, but the next set is due this Wednesday. Could they be due for a resurgence of interest?

You would think that the sharp rise of sterling would show up strongly in these numbers in the form of export weakness, and it might. But it often takes a considerable period before the effect you would expect on fundamental grounds comes through. So do not be surprised if the data show exports apparently still untroubled by sterling's rise.

On past form, if this happens it

A surplus would make a nice change

will prompt self-satisfied remarks from some quarters of the City to the effect that an exchange rate close to DM3 is justified. Do not be deceived. There are long-time lags at work. Pricing exports in foreign currency, hedging currency exposure, and simply working through pre-established order books all act as buffers between current production for export and its profitability.

It would be remarkable if an appreciation of the currency of some 20 per cent in a year were to have no effect on trading performance. Even the super-optimists would have some difficulty in arguing that we could have improved our competitiveness that quickly. So if you believe that UK industry can indeed cope with the pound at these levels you are forced to the conclusion that the improvements that now make the

pound competitive at DM3 had been building up for some time. But that leads inexorably to a still more interesting conclusion, namely that the pound must have been undervalued before.

In that case you would expect to see evidence in the trade figures. In fact, they show the opposite. When the pound was languishing at supposedly undervalued levels, far from recording current account surpluses, Britain continued to record deficits. Yes, I know the economy was growing strongly but the deficit merely continued an established trend. Britain has not recorded an annual current account surplus since 1985.

This is in marked contrast with other countries that are supposedly suffering from overvalued exchange rates. Last year Switzerland recorded a surplus of 7 per cent of GDP. Most shockingly,



ROGER BOOTLE

France, that supposed sick man of the Western world, recorded a surplus of 1 per cent. If the pound had been undervalued a year ago, it would have been nice for Britain to have recorded a surplus, for a change.

I do not wish to suggest that surpluses are always good and deficits are always bad. Like just

about everything else in economics, it all depends. Chancellor Lawson argued that there was no such thing as a balance of payments problem. As people remarked at the time, however, that was just as well because in 1989, Lord Lawson's last year as Chancellor, the current account deficit exceeded 4 per cent of GDP.

A surplus represents a form of national saving — the accumulation of claims on foreigners. A deficit is a form of national dissaving or borrowing. It represents the accumulation of claims on us by foreigners. If imports exceed exports for while, so that such claims mount up, so what? History is full of examples of countries that run substantial deficits during phases of strong growth. After all, running a current account deficit is simply another way of saying that you are running a

capital account surplus. Indeed, you cannot be a net importer of capital any other way. This was the position of the US for much of the last century and, more recently, several countries in East Asia.

But this has hardly been Britain's position of late. The record on domestic investment has been lamentable. Although investment may grow a bit faster over the coming year, the bulk of the expansion of demand is going to be spending by consumers. So, if a current account deficit opens up, thanks largely to the level of sterling, then it will not be possible to argue that this reflects the overseas funding of economic development. The intows will be financing domestic consumption. As such, national wealth will be diminished.

Yet in these clouds of economic gloom, there is a silver lining. You

would think that the consistent running of current account deficits and the build-up of foreign claims on Britain would have led to a substantial deterioration in our net investment income from the rest of the world. On the contrary, the official figures show net investment income continuing to rise. The explanation seems simple: excellent returns on investments around the world.

Perhaps the good news goes deeper. We may simply be better at investing money internationally than most other countries. Our highly developed financial services industry, including a system of funded pensions, led us to diversify assets internationally, to invest predominantly in equities, and even to be early into apparently risky but eventually rewarding areas of the world. The upshot is that we may be a nation of under-savers who spend money at the drop of a hat (or a windfall), but the excellence of our asset managers may save us from the worst consequences of our profligacy.

Minerva in £105m property deal with Prudential

By GEORGE SIVELL

MINERVA, the specialist London office property group that floated last November, yesterday sold the biggest property in its portfolio to the Prudential for £105 million.

In return for the office block at 250 Euston Road, Minerva receives £33.3 million in cash and three Central London office properties from the Prudential portfolio. The block at 250 Euston Road, which is being sold at about book

value, is currently let to the Prudential on a long lease.

The three London properties to be received in exchange are Sampson House in Hopton Street, SE1; Chatham Place in East Harding Street, EC4; and Part 40 of 42-48 Wigmore Street, W1.

At the time of flotation Minerva had a portfolio of £402 million and debts of £232 million supported by shareholders' funds of £168 million.

On Friday shares in Minerva, almost half-owned by property veteran David Garrard, chairman, and Andrew Rosenfeld, chief executive, closed unchanged at 178p, an all-time high. The shares were floated at 150p in November, a substantial discount to the net asset value of 176p. The 6 per cent yield on 250 Euston Road was seen as one of the key reasons for the wide discount at the time.

Mr Rosenfeld said: "This transaction will transform the group's profile. The sale of 250 Euston Road, which represents approximately one quarter of the group's property assets by value, coupled with the acquisition of new Central London investment and development properties, will create a springboard from which the group can achieve further growth."

"During our first nine months as a listed company, we have successfully disposed of £107 million of the group's assets and replaced them with new and exciting acquisitions with a total value in excess of £160 million."

Mr Rosenfeld added that the general outlook for the property market remained encouraging, with evidence of strengthening tenant demand. Minerva is due to announce results for the 11 months to the end of June on September 24.

Minerva said that the net asset value of the group will be unaffected by the transaction. Involving 250 Euston Road and the cash will be used to cut debt. In a full year the net rents from the new Prudential properties, together with the benefits of the retirement of debt, will exceed the net income expected from 250 Euston Road.

Mahathir rejects Soros invitation

By GEORGE SIVELL

MAHATHIR Mohamad, the Malaysian Prime Minister, has rejected an invitation from George Soros, the American financier, to a public discussion at the World Bank conference in Hong Kong next month.

Malaysia's national Bernama news agency quoted the Malaysian premier as saying: "I will go to Hong Kong but I don't have any wish to meet him." Dr Mahathir has blamed Mr Soros for the Far East currency crisis and has criticised the United States for refusing to categorise the financier's currency activities as a crime.

"Mr Soros has denied a key involvement in the South East Asia currency crisis and said he believed stability will return soon. Answering written questions from Hong Kong's Sunday Morning Post, Mr Soros said: "We have recently bought Indo-

nesian rupiah." The financier believes some currencies are due for a rebound. "If anything the pendulum has, in some cases, swung too far in the opposite direction," he said when asked if the region's currencies were still overvalued.

Mr Soros also said he did not believe market pressure would break the Hong Kong dollar's peg to the American currency. Those who had moved against the Hong Kong dollar were "not going to get rich."

The wave of speculation was sparked by the high American dollar and by fears of a slowing of growth in the "tiger" economies. Analysts believe that Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines, who have floated currencies in recent weeks or received pegs to the dollar, will have to go through a period of structural adjustment.



Preparing for a bigger sales spread: Steven Joseph, left, of Shippam, with Hagen Shulte, of NatWest Markets

Joseph leads Shippam buyout

By MARTIN BARROW

STEVEN JOSEPH, whose Portfolio Foods was acquired by Cadbury Schweppes last year, hopes that his latest vehicle will make it to the stock market.

Mr Joseph is the driving force behind the £15 million buyout of the Shippam savoury sandwich spreads business from Grand Metropolitan, which was announced yesterday.

Shippam, based in Chichester, West Sussex, is the UK market leader in spreadable savoury products and supply of own-label canned chicken. With annual sales of £30 million, the company claims to be able to trace the origins of its raw materials back to individual farms.

Mr Joseph said that the Shippam deal was a first stepping stone in assembling a

sizable food business with sales of about £200 million a year, which would then be floated on the stock market, and funding is available for further acquisitions.

Mr Joseph said: "We took the decision to sell Portfolio to Cadbury but we would hope this business could make it all the way to the stock market rather than lead to another trade sale." Portfolio, trading

as Craven Keiller and with sales of about £50 million, was sold to Cadbury in April 1996 when it became part of Trebor Bassett. A maker of confectionery and popcorn, its brands included Barker and Dobson and Butterkist.

Mr Joseph's latest enterprise is backed by NatWest Ventures. Senior debt and working capital funding were provided by Bank of Scotland.

Cordiant stays, says Camelot

By JON ASHWORTH

CAMELOT, the National Lottery operator, has moved to dispel rumours that it is about to throw open its £50 million-a-year advertising account to competitive tender.

The loss of the account — one of the most lucrative in the UK — would be a blow to Cordiant, the advertising group formerly known as Saatchi & Saatchi, which is seeking to break up its operations. The account is high in prestige and is likely to net Cordiant several million pounds a year in billings — as distinct from the £50 million advertising spend. Camelot is anxious to maintain public enthusiasm for the lottery, and closely monitors the impact of its advertising campaign.

Dianne Thompson, Camelot's commercial operations director, has been visiting advertising agencies but denies that a change to the Cordiant agreement is imminent. Mrs Thompson said Cordiant is on a three-year contract which expires in June 1998. Further, Camelot is obliged to give one year's notice of its intention to end the agreement.

Camelot has spent more than £100 million promoting the National Lottery since the first tickets went on sale in November 1994. Falling sales of National Lottery Instant have left the operator under pressure and it is facing increasing competition on a range of fronts. Last week Camelot failed in its latest attempt to stop bookmakers

running 49's, a televised draw screened in betting shops. The break-up of Cordiant is the final chapter for what was one of the world's most powerful advertising groups. Its founders, Charles and Maurice (now Lord) Saatchi, made Saatchi & Saatchi a household name during the 1980s. Unseated in a shareholder revolt, the Saatchi brothers set up a new agency, M&C Saatchi.

Under a plan announced in April, Cordiant is to spin off its main advertising agencies — Bates and Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising Worldwide — into two quoted companies whose shares will be traded in London and New York. Each will own half of Zenith Media Worldwide, Cordiant's media-buying business.

Xaar planning to seek full London listing

THE European Union should focus on trade issues rather than being diverted by social and political objectives over the course of the next few years, the Institute of Directors says today.

In an economic comment paper published today, the Institute of Directors also welcomes many aspects of the action plan for the single market, which was agreed at the Amsterdam summit that took place earlier this year.

Andrew Lilico, the institute's international and public sector economist, says: "The European Union action plan is a welcome recognition of the opportunities which still exist for trade liberalisation."

"Particularly welcomed are proposed measures for service

Trade issues plea to EU

By OUR BUSINESS STAFF

sector liberalisation, late payment, public procurement and state aids."

However, on a cautionary note, Mr Lilico adds: "As so often with Europe, there are some proposals which are not necessary to the development of a single market and some proposals which are unrealistic."

The Institute of Directors finds especially unwelcome the proposals put forward by Brussels for the harmonisation of corporation taxes, Mr Lilico says.

The institute also says that it hopes that future European initiatives will focus on the "worthwhile gains" to be made in trade liberalisation and trade co-operation, and

will not be distracted into other areas.

In general, the Institute of Directors is against European Union legislation that undermines national sovereignty without promoting trade.

Mr Lilico says: "The Institute of Directors welcomes the action plan overall and sees many good opportunities for progress within it."

"But it fears that if the European Union does not keep focused on trade, this will increase the political strength of protectionists and nationalists who are opposed to the whole European project."

"This runs the grave danger of undermining the valuable gains that have been made from the creation of a single market."

Masters of disguise sought by Orange

By ERIC REGULY



Orange tree: but the Cockerthorpe base station fooled no one

ORANGE, the third-largest mobile phone network, is to hold an open competition later this year to design base stations that could be mistaken for sculptures.

The company is making a virtue of a necessity. The Government is putting pressure on mobile-phone operators to cease blighting the urban and rural landscapes with the base stations, the metal poles that receive and transmit radio signals.

However, the companies cannot expand without building thousands more. Orange,

for example, recently announced plans to more than double the number of base stations to 6,000 by the year 2000. Its strategy is to make them environmentally acceptable by disguising them.

The first effort was a base station in the shape of a tree in Cockerthorpe, just north of the Lake District. The fat metal pole, devoid of leaves, fooled no one. A slimmer version, in the shape of a pine tree, is on the drawing board.

Because tree-shaped base stations will not work everywhere, Orange wants to de-

sign and erect hundreds that look like sculptures. "They have to fit into the environment," said Colin Tucker, Orange's technical director. "They should be appropriate for the area."

Several designs have already been produced by Public Arts, a charity based in Wakefield. Orange is organising a nationwide competition for additional designs and will pay the winning artists a fee. It expects to release details of the competition in the autumn. "We want to turn this into an event," said Mr Tucker.

Bank pay action 'biting'

Industrial action begun last week at Barclays Bank over a new performance-related pay scheme is beginning to bite, a leading finance union said yesterday. Bifu, the Banking Insurance and Finance Union, said thousands of union members had heeded instructions by banning overtime and working only contractual hours.

But the claim was denied by the bank, which said customer services were unaffected. The new pay scheme would mean up to 25,000 employees receiving no increase in pensionable salary, the union claims.

Euro warning

About 80 per cent of German companies are not making sufficient preparations for European currency union and could face serious consequences. Diebold Deutschland, a German management consultancy group, said. Companies need to try to imagine what the change-over to the euro due in 1999, would mean for their company, the group added. The transition process would take most companies about two years.

Scots miss out

Germany's Dresdner Bank, which owns Kleinwort Benson in Britain, wants to buy an investment bank in the US to expand its American distribution channels. A report in *Frankfurter Allgemeine* said Dresdner would partially pay for the acquisition through its recent DM120 million (£73 million) rights issue.

Scotland is missing out on the surging housing market elsewhere in the UK, particularly the South East of England, a Royal Bank of Scotland survey said yesterday. During the second quarter house prices in Scotland rose by 3.2 per cent over the same period last year, while UK prices generally went up by 6.7 per cent.

SUNDAY TIPS

The Observer: Buy: BG, Centrica, Updown Investment Trust, Laura Ashley. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy: Shell, Trafalgar, RPS, AG Barr, Full Circle, Dixon Motors. Independent on Sunday: Buy: Sherwood International, Haden MacLellan, Burmah Castrol. The Sunday Times: Buy: Pison, CRT, FI Group, Cyber, Vintex, Brit Aircraft. The Express on Sunday: Buy: Ethical unit trusts such as Friends Provident Stewardship, Jupiter Ecology and NPI's Global Care fund.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank	Bank
	Buy	Sell
Australia \$	2.25	2.07
Austria Sch	21.48	19.82
Belgium F	80.29	86.32
Canada C	2.25	2.174
Cyprus Cyp£	0.901	0.830
Denmark Kr	11.06	10.79
Finland Mk	9.58	8.51
France F	10.27	9.49
Germany Dm	3.08	2.83
Greece Dr	494	445
Hong Kong S	13.28	12.03
Iceland	127	107
Ireland P	1.14	1.06
Israel Shk	5.38	5.33
Italy Lira	2013	2778
Japan Yen	252.73	189.20
Malta	0.669	0.610
Netherlands Gld	3.489	3.174
New Zealand S	2.53	2.40
Norway Kr	12.78	11.82
Portugal Esc	307.53	285.50
S Africa Rd	6.25	7.28
Spain Ptas	237.20	238.20
Sweden Kr	13.55	12.45
Switzerland F	27.252	24.845
Turkey Lira	1.711	1.588
USA \$	1.711	1.588

Answers from page 33

HAMBURGH

(4) The collar of a draught horse. A barham or breeham. The Old English word. "His wig on her like o hamburgh on his sholders."

HAMMAM

(4) Or hammam. An Oriental bathing establishment; a Turkish bath. The Arabic word for a bath. "There she is free from the jealous espionage of her lord, which stops at the hammam's threshold."

JULIFEROUS

(4) Bearing catkins, amenable. From the Latin *Julus* a catkin + *ferous* bearing. "The short juliferous spikes are of a straw-colour."

KIPE

(4) A basket. Specifically, an oster basket used for catching fish. A basket used as a measure, in dialect. From the OE *kype*, Low German *kipe* a basket carried in the hand or on the back. "The Kipe is a Basket made of Osters, broader at Bottom, and narrow'd by degrees to the Top, but left open at both ends, which is used for taking of Fish, particularly at Osmore in Oxfordshire, where this manner of Fishing is called Kiping, and going to Kipe."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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Plans for big mergers throw up big problems and only advisers seem to gain, says Jon Ashworth

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represent a new and untested

Guinness is advised by Lazard Brothers, and has no fewer than three UK law firms in train — Theodore Goddard, Norton Rose and SJ Berwin.

pening at the same time."



those of us who regard jazz as the most liberating form of musical expression. This programme is one of two being broadcast tonight which pay tribute to Scott, who died last Christmas. *The Club That Scott Built* is a documentary and it features the voices of the entire who's who of British jazz, including Benny Green, George Melly and John Dankworth. At 9pm there is a concert by Scott's quintet, recorded at the club in 1991, underlining what a terrific tenor sax player Scott was.



Channel 4, 11.00pm

Villified as the victimisation of the Indian sub-continent by Hindus, and revered as the father of Pakistan by Muslims, Mohammed Ali Jinnah is a figure ripe for examination. The film tries to dispel some of the misconceptions held about the man who has been blamed for the bloody partition of India. As head of the minority Muslim League, he was seen by the British and the Indians as an implacable and tunnel-visioned man incapable of seeing the consequences of his actions. Far from wanting a separate state for Muslims, Jinnah was against the idea right up until the end. The programme shows a complex, contradictory Jinnah who was a non-practising Muslim who was only really comfortable speaking English, yet he was the founder of Muslim Pakistan.

Francesca Lasse

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seen to be transplanted from one place to another for a week or two each year. The Howells family — Andrea, Pete and their two daughters — normally live on the bleak Gurnos estate in Merthyr Tydfil. A neighbour from the estate has taken the next-door caravan, Andrea's sister is in the one next to that and next door again is another neighbour from home. The Howells family are rehearsing for the site talent show, in which first prize is, yes, a week's holiday at Trecco Bay. **Peter Barnard**

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FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1, FM 97.6-99.8, RADIO 2, FM 88.0-90.2, RADIO 3, FM 90.2-92.4, RADIO 4, FM 92.4-104.8, LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE, MW 683, 908. WORLD SERVICE, MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSIC FM, FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO, FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO, MW 1033, 1089.

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Hey, instant archaeology: can you dig it?

By now, Time Team Live (Channel 4, Sat, Sun, today) has probably unearthed a couple of live centuries. Or the Colosseum, you see, have been going well. "On a scale of one to ten," said one of the many experts whose names I forget, "it's probably a nine." Tony Robinson couldn't have looked prouder if he'd built it himself, puffing out his chest and striding around the site more bossily than ever. So what if it was smaller than Fishbourne — Fishbourne was a palace.

Have I lost you? Do you not know about Time Team? Well, let me see if I can help. A team of archaeologists, led by the rain-bow-clad Professor Mick Aston, gives itself three days to discover as much as possible about a site. Normally, those three days are edited down to an hour's television, but this Bank Holiday weekend they're doing it live.

adding an additional frisson to the customary trench warfare that regularly breaks out. "We seem to be fiddling about here," whines Robinson, who, given the choice, would choose a JCB over a trowel every time. "Why can't we go for the real heart of the villa?"

Mick, Carezza and the fabulous Phil, who has put on his best sawn-off dentists, roll their eyes and for the umpteenth time Aston explains about "complex archaeology". There are drawings, photographs and measurements to be made, layers to be scraped away in careful sequence. Robinson positively bounces with impatience. The fair Carezza, who sadly is not wearing sawn-off dentists, tries to cheer him up with a piece of internal wall that has not one but two layers of plaster on it. But Robinson is not to be consoled with Rome's answer to Polydora. What he wants is a crucifix.

At the current rate of discovery,

he might very well get one. Apart from the villa, they've found coins, brooches, pottery — even a Roman paw-print. The only real bad news is that they've also dug up Bill Oddie, who has been reliably card-date to the early 1970s.

To have one annoying presenter is forgivable — it's Robinson's inspired idea in the first place and he's been making a pretty decent fist of the live links this weekend. But two? And for the second to be Oddie, who since he took up birdwatching has been fantastically tedious — that is more than unfortunate. I spent most of yesterday worrying that somebody would unearth Jimmy Nail.

My only other complaint is that there's not more of it. Three chunks a day sounds a lot, but too many have been less than 15 minutes long, making them not so much an informed update, more a mad

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rush around the remains. Nevertheless, even if you haven't seen any of it so far, try to catch tonight's hour-long conclusion.

Tonight's conclusion of *The Beggar Bride* (BBC1) is also pretty crucial. In last night's opening instalment it was clear that we were dealing with a modern fairy-tale, with poor Cinder (updated as a young married mother living in tower-block squalor) bigamously

marrying her prince (captain of industry) for money. "People out there, they owe people like us," Angela told her original husband, Billy, who was less than thrilled at his wife's pragmatic prostitution.

So far, so reasonably enjoyable, particularly with all three principals — Keeley Hawes as Angela, Joe Dunne as Billy and Nicholas Jones as Sir Fabian Ormerod — on good form. But so far, also, so totally inconsequential. But for a clichéd crisis over which knife and fork to use (fortunately, Angela had her etiquette guide in her stolen Gucci handbag), the transformation has been completely effortless. A pulchra accent, a stolen hair-do and wardrobe and, bingo, Angela gets her man; or to be precise, her second man. Her wedding dress she acquired by talking her way into a fashion show and then running off still wearing it.

Along with the mobile phone she

wouldn't have the credit rating for and the silk lingerie she didn't have the money for. They are asked to accept it all — presumably because tonight's denouement will make it all worthwhile. The proof will be in the unravelling.

There were echoes of *The Beggar Bride* in last night's *Equinox: Secrets of the Psychics* (Channel 4), which cast an enjoyably sceptical eye over 150 years of the paranormal. It was at its best in the distant past, where we were introduced to the likes of Eusapia Paladino, an Italian medium whose creative use of ectoplasm had only to be seen to be believed. Among those taken in were Charles Richet, a Nobel prize-winning scientist who, like many others, couldn't believe that such an ill-educated Italian peasant could possibly deceive him. Ah, but what about an ill-educated, cunning Italian peasant?

Others employed more straightforward diversions. I particularly liked the sound of Ava, who often conducted seances in the nude, presumably to distract attention from the fact that the rather flat-looking manifestation that had just appeared was actually an early photograph of the King of Bulgaria.

But where the film wobbled was when it took a deep breath, turned its back on history and went all for Uri Geller, the 1970s spoon-bender who is now, sporadically, back in fashion. Doubts they had in plenty, but Channel 4's lawyers had clearly crawled all over anything that smacked of definitive conclusion. "Geller's drawings, duplicated using telepathy on television, look identical to the techniques used by conjurers — but this in itself doesn't mean that he is using the same techniques." That's what comes of trying to nail a rich psychic with a bent spoon.

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